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PREZ GOTABAYA HOLDS TALKS WITH 42 MPs WHO LEFT GOVT

It comes as pressure mounted on the president to resign over the government's mishandling of the economic crisis

DEMAND FOR MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA'S OUSTER

During the meeting, the MPs asked the president to remove his elder brother Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and appoint a new cabinet. They handed out a list of proposals to bail out the country from the current economic and political crisis. The meeting comes as protesters occupied the entrance to the president's office for a second day | **P9**

OPPOSITION TO BRING IN NO-TRUST VOTE

- The main Opposition SJB party has started collecting signatures of its MPs to move a no-trust motion against the government
- Sri Lanka's biggest Tamil party, the Tamil National Alliance, on Sunday said it is ready to support the no-trust motion
- Parliament may reconvene on April 19 to debate the motion

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DEBT IS WHAT SRI LANKA IS TRYING TO SERVICE

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Seasoned Sharif set to be elected Imran successor

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

HOURS after the unceremonious ouster of Imran Khan as prime minister, leader of Opposition in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif (70) filed his nomination papers to be elected his successor.

Imran's party named outgoing foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi as its candidate for the post.

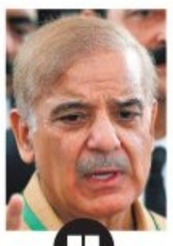
Shehbaz's election on Monday is just a formality since he is the joint Opposition's candidate for the post. Also, the no-trust motion he moved against Imran fetched 174 ayes, two more than the halfway mark in a House of 342. Bilawal Bhutto is tipped to be the new foreign minister.

So, what does Shehbaz's election mean for India? Bilateral relations with Pakistan touched its nadir when Imran was at the helm as he made personal attacks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi while being hawkish on Kashmir. In contrast, Shehbaz is a seasoned politician who keeps invoking Kashmir but his tenor is softer towards India and the minorities in Pakistan.

During Holi he wished Hindus living in Pakistan for the festival. He often tweets condemning the killings of minorities (Hindus and Christians) in Pakistan.

Shehbaz is also part owner of a steel conglomerate, the Ittefaq group.

His brother and former PM Nawaz Sharif has had close ties with Indian industrialist Sajjan Jindal, whose backchannel helped open a line of communication at the highest level on both sides. Experts on Pakistan see the possibility of reactivating the channel.



We want peace with India, but peace is not possible without resolution of the Kashmir issue

Shehbaz Sharif's first comments after Imran's ouster

With Pakistan Army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa already pushing for diplomacy and dialogue with India on all outstanding issues, including Kashmir, and re-establishing trade ties, Shehbaz will find more legroom to explore restoring bilateral relations.

On foreign policy, Shehbaz will continue to have close ties with the US, China and Turkey. There have been some concerns on his health though as he is a cancer survivor. If Shehbaz is successful in managing the situation till the elections next year, a thaw in India's relations with Pakistan cannot be ruled out.

Meanwhile, outgoing minister Fawad Chaudhry said MPs of Imran's party will resign if Shehbaz's candidature as PM is not rejected. More drama is likely, as Imran isn't willing to concede defeat just yet.

4 detained for vandalising Muslim vendor's cart

A police van outside the Hanuman temple in Nuggikeri, Dharwad | EXPRESS

We are investigating on the basis of Killedar's complaint. After examining the video footage on the internet, we had summoned a few people.

Senior police officer

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH @ Dharwad

THE Dharwad police on Sunday detained four people for allegedly vandalising a fruit cart belonging to a Muslim trader on the premises of Hanuman temple in Nuggikeri of Dharwad district on Saturday.

The vendor, Nabhisab Killedar, filed a complaint with the Dharwad Rural police, who checked the video footage to trace the culprits. The accused -- Mylarappa Guddappanavar, 27, Mahaling Aigali, 26, Chidananad Kalal, 25, and Kumar Kattimani, 26, all residents from Dharwad -- were picked up by the police late on Sunday night.

"The FIR has been filed against 10 people. After going through the video footage available on the internet about the incident, we had summoned a few people. We detained four people for questioning," a senior police official said.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said in Hubballi that it is the responsibility of everyone to maintain communal harmony. "We all should live together in India. The organisations should oppose in a democratic way. It is not right to take law into their hands," he added, referring to the fruit cart incident.

"The opposition parties are making baseless allegations that the government and CM Basavaraj Bommai are supporting a campaign to ban the Muslim community. It is the duty of the government to take action against fundamentalists and those involved in terrorist activities. The government will not protect anyone who is involved in such activities," he added. Writer Rajendra Chenni said, "This is a threat to the secular and plural culture which is the very soul of North Karnataka." Another writer and progressive thinker Shankar Halagati said the police should look into the issue. P4

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Recoveries	1,194	1,258
Deaths	83	29

KARNATAKA	APR 9	APR 10
Fresh cases	46	56
Recoveries	75	45
Deaths	00	00

Scuffle in JNU hostel over non-veg food

ANKITA UPADHYAY @ New Delhi

A major scuffle broke out between ABVP and Left students at the Jawaharlal Nehru University on Sunday over non-vegetarian food in the hostel on the occasion of Ram Navami.

Akshita Ansari, a student, sustained a head injury. Others who were injured included Madhurima Kundu, Briti Kar and Sarika Chowdhary. Both sides accused each other of hurling stones.

According to the All India Students Union, there was tension on the campus since late afternoon after students from ABVP tried to intervene when non-vegetarian food was being cooked in the Kaveri hostel mess.

"Condemn the attempt to intentionally disrupt peaceful campus atmosphere by ABVP hoodlums. The goons continue to riot in and around Kaveri hostel, breaking bikes, beating students," claimed the Left student union.

As for the ABVP, it claimed that Left students had tried to disrupt Ram Navami pooja in the hostel late in the afternoon. The DCP of South-west Delhi, Manoj C said the situation is now under control and action will be taken when complaints are filed.

CID to probe JJ Nagar murder

The truth must come out and there should be an impartial probe from a third party

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE state government has handed over the investigation into the murder of Chandru, a 22-year-old youth who was stabbed to death in JJ Nagar, to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to conduct an "impartial probe from all angles".

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said he discussed handing over the probe to the CID with DG&IGP Praveen Sood and Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant. "The truth must come out and there should be an impartial probe from a third party," he added. Chandru was stabbed to death by a gang of three people in Haleguddadahalli in JJ Nagar police limits on April 5.

The case had kicked up a storm after Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that Chandru was murdered as the accused asked him to speak in Urdu and he did not know the language.

But the minister retracted the statement within a few hours and said the murder took place after Chandru's vehicle grazed the vehicle of the accused.

FARMERS

THEY WILL DRIVE INDIA, SAYS PM

'The stronger the farmers become, more prosperous the new India would be,' wrote PM Narendra Modi on Sunday, adding the country is proud of farmers.

Modi-Biden bilateral today ahead of 2+2

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will hold a virtual bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden on Monday coinciding with the fourth India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue lined up in Washington.

"President Joseph R Biden, Jr will meet virtually with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India on Monday, April 11 to further deepen ties between our governments, economies, and our people," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki announced on Sunday.

The Ukraine situation will certainly figure in the talks Biden has with Modi. "Biden will continue our close consultations on the consequences of Russia's brutal war against Ukraine and mitigating its destabilising impact on global food supply and commodity markets," Psaki said.

The two leaders will review the ongoing bilateral cooperation and exchange views on recent developments in South Asia, the Indo-Pacific region and global issues of mutual interest. The virtual meeting will enable both sides to continue their regular and high-level engagement aimed at further strengthening the bilateral Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar are in Washington for their 2+2 dialogue with their US counterparts, Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

This is the first edition of the 2+2 dialogue under the Biden administration.

EXPRESS READ

Yechury's third term as CPM general secretary

Kannur: Determined to regain its lost space in national politics, the CPM has given a third term to Sitaram Yechury at the helm and inducted for the first time in its history a Dalit in the politburo. Yechury was re-elected as general secretary at a time when the CPM has vowed to take the lead in forming a broad alliance to isolate and defeat BJP. | **P5**

No FBI team in India to probe Bitcoin scam in Karnataka, clarifies CBI

Bengaluru: Contradicting media reports that a team of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has come to India to investigate a Bitcoin (BTC) case of Karnataka police, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has denied the information. In an official communication on Sunday, the CBI stated, "FBI has not sent any team to India for conducting a probe in the matter nor has any request been made by FBI to CBI for conducting an investigation in this case in India. The question of any permission for the probe by competent authority in India does not arise." | **P5**

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DREAM TO NIGHTMARE

BDA flat owners in Gunjur lament lack of amenities

Residents flag issues like STP, absence of fire safety clearance

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IT'S been nine years since the Bangalore Development Authority's (BDA) housing project at Gunjur, near Varthur, commenced. Billed as a "dream housing project" for the public, owing to its affordable pricing, all the 644 flats were sold.

The project has 84 3-BHK flats, 168 2-BHK flats and 392 1-BHK flats in its 23 blocks, which rise up to seven floors. December 2014 was fixed as the deadline, when the then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched the project.

Three years after they moved in, residents spell out these woes: lack of drinking water supply, absence of permanent power supply, nonfunctional sewage treatment plant (STP), absence of fire safety clearance, erratic working of lifts, and an incomplete compound wall.

A total of 120 families moved in here three years ago following assurance by BDA that by the revised deadline of July 2018, everything would be in place.

"Flat buyers are frustrated. The STP cannot work in the absence of permanent power supply. The lifts work on and off. It's been three years since work on the compound wall began," Narayana Shetty, a 2-BHK flat owner, rues.

While we have installed a feeder line from a sub-station beyond Gunjur village, Bescom is yet to energise it because a few locals have written to Bescom, saying we have violated NGT norms

Top BDA officials

Another resident, BT Venkatesh, who paid Rs 28 lakh for his 3-BHK flat, said, "Due to the temporary power connection which causes much fluctuation, I have lost equipment worth Rs 20,000."

A top BDA official claimed they were trying to provide amenities, but factors beyond their control prevented their completion. "BWSSB has laid the pipeline for water supply, but they do not have any water source as of now and it could take time. While we have installed a feeder line from a sub-station beyond Gunjur village, Bescom is yet to energise it. This is because a few locals have written to Bescom, saying we have built the project on a rajakaluve, violating NGT norms," he explained.

The official added, "The compound wall is incomplete because an individual laying stake to the land in this portion has filed a case. Similarly, we had an 8m road around the project. Locals, with the support of an MLA, extended that road to 12m, thereby reducing the land for our property. The fire safety department says there would not be enough space for tenders to rush in case of an emergency, and have withheld clearance."

A SUNDAY OF FAITHS

(Top) Folk artistes perform during the Ratha Yatra on Rama Navami in Padmanabha Nagar on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Christians observe Palm Sunday at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Bengaluru on Sunday. Devotees holding crosses made from palm leaves, ahead of Good Friday and Easter Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

AAP opens office to up outreach

ENS @Bengaluru

AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday opened its new ward office at Vasanthnagar making it the party's 50th office in the city to increase its outreach. The party had just one officer a couple of years ago.

"We are seeing huge traction from the public for the party's approach, its intolerance to corruption, its belief in the Constitutional values and commitment to serve the aam aadmi (common man)," said AAP Bengaluru city president Mohan Dasari. He added that the people are "fed up with corruption in politics today. Rising prices, bad infrastructure and lack of care for the citizens' needs has further led to their disillusionment of the BJP government." Prakash Nedungadi, vice-president, AAP Bengaluru, said AAP Delhi model success followed by the party's victory in Punjab has given hope to people seeking a political alternative for Bengaluru and Karnataka," he said.

AAP members in front of the office

EXPRESS READ

Procession: Liquor ban in JC Nagar

Bengaluru : The city police have prohibited liquor sale in the jurisdiction of Shivajinagar, Commercial Street, Bharathinagar and Pulakeshinagar police stations which falls under JC Nagar sub-division, in view of the procession with the idol of deity Mutthyalamma. The city police commissioner Kamal Pant issued an order prohibiting the sale of liquor in these areas from 6 am of April 13 to 6 pm of April 14. The decision has been taken to prevent any untoward incidents during the procession.

Thanks to RPF, a life saved every week in B'luru Railway division

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A total of 57 lives, including that of 6 newborns, have been saved inside trains or at railway station platforms across the Bengaluru Division in the just concluded financial year. This translates to almost a life saved every week, thanks to the alertness on the part of the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

A senior RPF official said that this included 26 individuals falling when boarding or alighting from trains or about to be hit by trains when trespassing on tracks. The rest were those suffering heart attacks or any medical emergency aboard trains, the official said.

RPF personnel rushing a severely injured passenger to hospital

"Six infants were saved who were delivered inside the trains or at stations which had ambulances waiting to transport them under its 'Operation Matree Shakti'," the official added. A recent case involved the Howrah-Yesvantpur train with the child delivered inside the train and the passengers helped out. Timely intervention by the RPF has also resulted in successfully foiling 304 cases of human trafficking of children, shows data.

The RPF had also launched 'Operation Samraksha' in and around Jnanabharathi, Tumakuru, Krishnarapuram, Baiyappanahalli and Bangarpet railway stations in order to sensitise public on the dangers of trespassing.

GOOD USE

Discarding textbooks? Visit this portal

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

SOON after exams and the academic year ends, most parents are worried about what to do with the old textbooks. Most of them hand it over to the raddiwala (paper collector) for a price. Some look for the needy to donate, but that is a hassle.

As many parents and resident welfare groups discuss and share textbooks, some do the same using social media. One such is an online platform which was started two years back, which had come to a halt due to the pandemic but has now been revived.

A team of people, from sumrux.com, has more than 200 members who are posting pictures of the textbooks on the website for parents and groups to connect from where used and old textbooks can be picked up. Parents can post pictures of textbooks for sale, donation and even exchange.

Krupa DS, who started the website, told The New Indian Express that people can post details of the textbooks which are needed like the publishers, the year of printing, the child's grade and the subjects. Parents can post pictures of the book for others to chose from.

The idea is not just to get rid of old books, but also help the needy, especially those pursuing studies under RTE. "I wonder every year what to do with the textbooks. I also approached my child's school to hand over the books, but the school refused and they asked me to search myself. So I ended up throwing them away," said Shilpa L, parent of a Class 5 student.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

11th April : The current Pluto alignments are fantastic for people who are losing themselves in their imaginations, less good for individuals with practical tasks to perform. My advice is to take everything important one step at a time and only go on to the next stage after a thorough check - and a double-check!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The scope for agreement today is extensive. Yet you may look upon differences of opinion as helpful developments which are bound to lead to the clarification of difficult and unresolved issues. Feelings can get in the way of harmonious solutions, so stick to the facts.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
There's an optimistic mood abroad, but you're still facing a series of misjudgements and miscalculations. You may look back on this week's minor blunders and laugh but, at the time, they may not be so funny. At least, other people probably won't think so!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury, a planet with a special place in your horoscope, is the star of the week, forming and reforming a series of intricate patterns with a whole sequence of planets. Therefore, you must expect sharp changes of mood and sudden alterations in your plans.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may have to backtrack on a number of domestic arrangements over the coming week. At times you will imagine that control over your personal affairs is slipping from your hands, a delusion resulting from Mercury's mischievous motion. In fact, you're being warned to start exerting more control.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Most of you will experience some misunderstanding or other this week, which is all the more reason to be straight about your intentions and clear about your arrangements. Relations at work will be passionate, so avoid falling out with those who feel equally strongly.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Financial questions will loom even larger this week than last. Today's indications look decidedly optimistic and you may be tempted to rush into rash commitments. However, by tomorrow the picture will start to look very different indeed, perhaps because reality will hit.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A serious set of relationships from Mercury to various major planets is going to force you to change your mind. Some consolation will be offered by the fact that many of your friends and colleagues will themselves be undecided, perhaps because emotions are too strong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
An intriguing aspect between Venus and Pluto is expected in the near future. You may already be beginning to feel the consequences, eagerly anticipating a future meeting or encounter. One word of warning for the week is to keep a close eye on your cash.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You could be playing a dangerous game if you are still refusing to inform other people about your arrangements or your genuine feelings. When they eventually find out the real situation, they may have cause to complain, and you might be forced to back-track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Professional plans may come unstuck, although this could work to your advantage. If you are given extra space to think again, you will be able to make sure that next time around your interests are given a higher priority. One thing to be said in your favour is that you learn from your mistakes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your high principles are your greatest strength. Do question your own beliefs, but please don't let other people undermine you or persuade you to lower your standards. The underlying pressures at the moment are very uncertain, but they do indicate that your interests could be best served by being utterly selfless.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your romantic aspirations will be directed overseas. Perhaps this is because you're planning a major trip to a distant location. Or perhaps you're awaiting news of a loved one far away. At the very least this is an ideal moment to build bridges and mend emotional fences.

THE PHANTOM

SIR, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH JAMPA ANYWAY? NOBODY LIKED THE GUY.
BUT NOW THE WHOLE CITY'S ON EDGE BECAUSE HE'S DEAD?
NOT A GOOD MAN, JAMPA....
BUT A KIND OF KEYSTONE, KIT.
A KEYSTONE, SIR?
WITH THAT STONE REMOVED....
MEN ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE TONIGHT TO REMOVE ME.
!!
Falk
DEAN YOUNG

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

HOW ABOUT PEEKING OUT THE WINDOW TO SEE IF IT'S RAINING?
WHO NEEDS THE WINDOW, DAD? I HAVE A WEATHER APP RIGHT HERE ON MY PHONE
ALEXANDER JUST SHOWED ME ONE MORE REASON I NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE MY CHAIR!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

	3			2	1	9		6
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	9		8					
		3				1		
					9	3		5
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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

6	3	4	7	8	1	2	5	9
9	2	7	4	5	6	1	3	8
5	1	8	3	2	9	7	6	4
1	4	5	2	6	7	8	9	3
7	9	2	8	4	3	6	1	5
3	8	6	1	9	5	4	7	2
2	5	1	9	7	4	3	8	6
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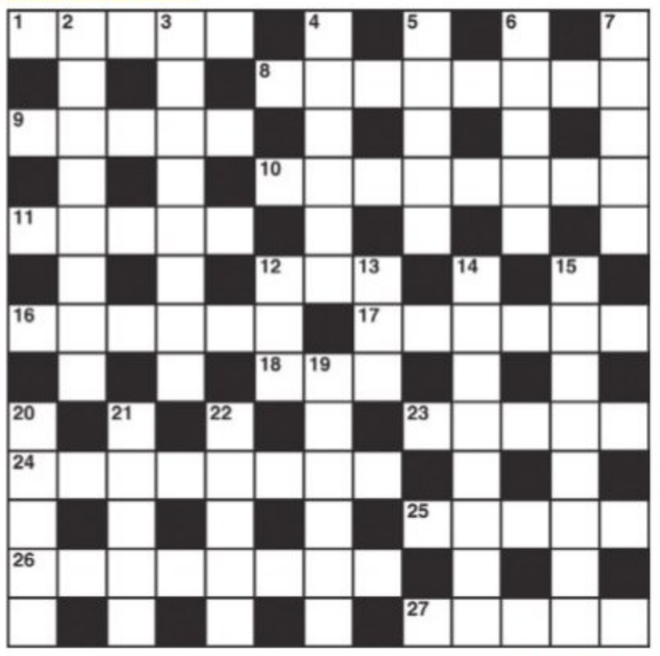
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Fishes in shallow water (5)
8 A letter I composed is well expressed (8)
9 Man of affairs? (5)
10 Case involves every one in a trial (3,5)
11 Highest tree by the way (5)
12 Means justification? (3)
16 King is rattling good sport (6)
17 Give way concerning a fast time (6)
18 Happy to be back from Italy again (3)
23 It's rolled back for the opening (5)
24 Having responsibility in attack (2,6)
25 Worker constantly striking (5)
26 A firm grasp of what hunger strikers aim to do (4,4)
27 Being stupid I upset Anne (5)

DOWN
2 Perhaps he is link in foreign capital (8)
3 A sign of wrong and right we hear in a puzzle (8)
4 Glutton takes an age to finish a bird (6)
5 Respond to a trace of difference (5)
6 Bottle-opener and drinks in packs (5)
7 Ocean bed? (5)
12 Food produced in layers (3)
13 Dull but not raining (3)
14 Senior citizen (8)
15 Prepare for take-off? (8)
19 An impressive time of the year? (6)
20 Getting drunk is not free (5)
21 A nut case it's said involved in a row (5)
22 Port and orange (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Vociferous, 6 Scum, 10 Eaten, 11 Cattleman, 12 Mediator, 13 Relic, 15 Curtail, 17 Despair, 19 At large, 21 Bootees, 22 Het up, 24 Self-made, 27 Subaltern, 28 Teeth, 29 Shoe, 30 Interested.
Down: 1 Vied, 2 Cathedral, 3 Fungi, 4 Recital, 5 Uttered, 7 Camel, 8 Manicurist, 9 Alfresco, 14 Act as hosts, 16 Abruptly, 18 Amendment, 20 Eastern, 21 Balance, 23 Taboo, 25 Metre, 26 Shed.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TEREX
YUFIN
SCURPE
DROOEV

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I have good news for you. It is treatable.
We heard you were the best.
I'm so glad I've got you as a doctor.
THEY NEEDED A REMEDY, SO THEY WENT TO A HIGHLY-RATED DOCTOR TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
FANCY LUNGE DIVINE TRIVIA
ANSWER: The U.S. stopped printing the $1,000 bill in 1969. The last bill printed was the – GRAND FINALE

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 33 DAYS	■ 56 ◂ 46	■ 0 | ◂ 0	■ 55 | ◂ 75
		POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
		■ 6.00 % | ◂ 6.00 %	■ 1.01 % | ◂ 1.01 %
	TALLY	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERY RATE
■ TODAY ◂ YESTERDAY	■ 39,46,002 ◂ 39,45,946	■ 1,441 ◂ 1,430	■ 98.94% ◂ 98.94%

B'luru Urban: 49	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 0	Kolar: 0	Shivamogga: 0
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Bagalkot: 0	Chikkamagaluru: 0	Hassan: 0	Mandya: 0	Udupi: 0
Ballari: 1	Chitradurga: 0	Haveri: 0	Mysuru: 0	U Kannada: 0
Belagavi: 1	D Kannada: 2	Kalaburagi: 0	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 0
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GAMECHANGER

Now, manage Parkinson's with Deep Brain Stimulation op

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@ Bengaluru

DEEP Brain Stimulation (DBS), a functional surgery, clubbed with the medical treatment has been a boon in the management of Parkinson's disease, enabling the patient to lead a normal life, said Dr Ravi Gopal Varma, lead consultant neurosurgery and programme, director, Global centre of excellence in neurosciences, Aster Hospitals, Bengaluru.

He was speaking during the walkathon hosted by Aster Neurosciences of Aster CMI hospital and Aster RV hospital, Bengaluru in partnership with 'I Love To Care (India) Charitable Trust' on the occasion of World Parkinson's Day in Bengaluru on Sunday morning. Dr Ravi Gopal explained that DBS is a functional surgery where electrodes are placed in specific areas of the patient's brain and stimulated with the help of a pacemaker placed in the chest wall. In this case, the pacemaker is unique as it has the capability to receive feedback from the brain and relay the exact stimulation to the implanted electrodes for the brain to function accordingly. As the patient begins to show signs of improvement, the medications are reduced," he said.

Dr Kalpana Gopalan, additional chief secretary, department of labour and department of public grievances, flagged off the walkathon and also participated. She said that Parkinson's disease is treatable and manageable. However, considering the increasing prevalence of Parkinson's disease, there is a need to create awareness about it. In India, ignorance and misinformation are barriers to early diagnosis, she said. Over 150 people including Parkinson's patients participated in the walkathon.

ON DAY 1, BOOSTER DOSES SOLD AT HIGHER PRICES

However, revised price of ₹375 to ₹400 will be available for beneficiaries from today

SHILPA P @Bengaluru

AT 9 am in Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road, Daya Bhat, 54, a resident of Jeevan Bhima Nagar, was happy to be the first person to take the Covid-19 booster dose. The drive began for those above 18 years across private hospitals in the state on Sunday.

But Bhat and those who had taken the booster shot in more than 100 other private hospitals in Bengaluru and more than 800 private hospitals in the State, were also disappointed since they had to pay the older prices of Rs 780 per dose for Covishield and Rs 1,410 per dose for Covaxin, although the cost was slashed by companies on Saturday, as the private hospitals had already purchased the vaccines at the older price and had stocked them.

But beneficiaries can lift their mood since the revised price of Rs 375 to Rs 400 (including GST and Rs 150 service charges fixed by Union government) will be available from Monday.

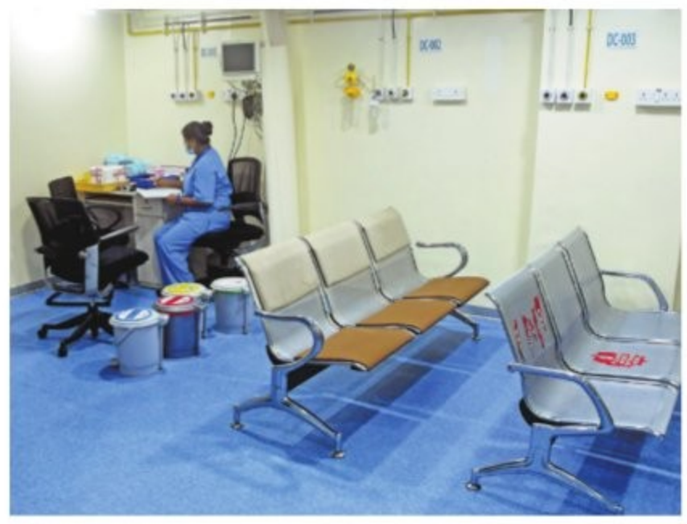
This is because, as per the demands of Private Hospitals And Nursing Homes Association, (PHNHA) Karnataka, and others, the Central government, Bharat Biotech and the Serum Institute of India have agreed on Sunday evening to implement the new price for the vaccines which the private hospitals have already bought at older price and stocked. The excess amount they have paid for the vaccines which they have already bought would be compensated through additional free doses of vaccines to these private hospitals, informed Secretary, PHNHA, Karnataka, Dr Rajashekar Y L to TNIE.

'HOSPITALS PURCHASE VAX DOSES FOR OLDER PRICE'

Secretary, PHNHA, Karnataka, Dr Rajashekar Y L said that the private hospitals in Bengaluru alone had purchased at least 2 lakh doses of Covishield and had placed order for another 2 lakh doses at the older price.

However, Bhat and 179 others still rushed to various units of Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru alone on Sunday, and 97 of them took Covaxin and 83 took Covishield doses. Bhat had lost her 81-year-old mother due to Covid during the first wave in July 2020, and her 84-year-old father who was tested positive too around the same time but had fortunately survived, so her family has been cautious, she said.

On Saturday, the SII had reduced the price of Covishield jab per dose from Rs 600 to Rs 225, and Bharat Biotech reduced the price of Covaxin from Rs 1,200 to Rs 225 per dose.



Vaccination centres at private hospitals remained almost empty on the first day of the precautionary dose for all aged above 18 | ASHSISHKRISHNA HP

No FBI team in India to probe Bitcoin scam: CBI

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CONTRADICTING media reports that a team of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has come to India to investigate a Bitcoin (BTC) case of Karnataka police, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has denied the information.

In an official communication on Sunday, the CBI stated, "FBI has not sent any team to India for conducting a probe in the matter nor has any request been made by FBI to CBI for conducting an investigation in this case in India. The question of any permission for the probe by competent authority in India does not arise."

The CBI, as the National Central Bureau for Interpol in India, coordinates closely with international law enforcement agencies, including the FBI. Congress General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala and Congress MLA from Chittapur Priyank Kharge had tweeted that the FBI is in India to investigate an alleged "Bitcoin scam" which the party had accused the BJP government in Karnataka of covering up last year.

"The FBI investigation into the Bitifinex hacking has revealed email IDs based out of India. Should the police here not investigate the matter? If the state investigates the case diligently, a lot of BJP's skeletons will tumble out," Kharge had said.

Mangled remains of the SUV that rammed into the parked lorry on NH-48 near Tumakuru on Sunday | EXPRESS

SUV hits lorry, 3 of family killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tumakuru

IN a ghastly accident, three people of a family from Bengaluru died and five others were injured when their SUV crashed into a stationary lorry at Kattigenahalli on National Highway-48, near here on Sunday.

Aditi (32) and Arati (40) died on the spot, while Annapoorna (53) succumbed on her way to the hospital. The injured -- including Anand, Aditi's husband who was at the wheel, and four children — have been admitted to hospitals.

Residents of Marathahalli

All of them were residents of Marathahalli in Bengaluru, sources said.

The family of eight was on its way to Ilkal in Bagalkot district to attend a naming ceremony of their relative's child when the accident occurred around 8 am.

Anand rammed into the lorry parked just beside the highway. Superintendent of Police Dr Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad visited the spot and instructed the highway patrol police to keep an eye on vehicles parked on the highway as they were causing accidents often.

CRIME PATROL

Man arrested for IPL betting, ₹2.5 lakh recovered

BENGALURU: In yet another incident, Central Crime Branch officials on Sunday busted a cricket betting racket by arresting a man and seized cash Rs 2.5 lakh and two mobile phones from him. The accused has been identified as Sridhar M, a resident of KP Agrahara, who was caught red-handed while receiving bets from punters for the ongoing IPL cricket matches. "Sridhar has been taken into custody for further investigations and we are also verifying his phone records to ascertain his associates," police said. ENS

Security guard held for peddling drugs

BENGALURU: The Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths on Saturday arrested a 34-year-old security guard on charges of peddling drugs and seized MDMA crystals worth Rs 3 lakh. The accused hails from Nepal. The police said a team from the anti-narcotics wing caught the security guard working in a private company and recovered synthetic drugs, including 10g MDMA crystals and 80g charas worth Rs 3 lakh. He had come to city a few months ago and was living alone on the company premises in Bagaluru. He would peddle drugs to college students and private firm employees after contacting them through online portals. ENS

Araga: CID to probe PSI recruitment exam scam

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THE state government has handed over the probe into alleged irregularities in the recruitment of 545 police sub-inspectors to the Crime Investigation Department. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Sunday said the Kalaburagi police have already arrested a person and the CID will take up the probe from there.

Jnanendra said the Kalaburagi police registered an FIR on Saturday and arrested one of the candidates Veeresh. The police found that Veeresh and his friends were trying to manipulate the exam system. Veeresh had answered only 21 questions, but when his answer script reached the evaluation centre, all the questions had been answered and he secured a score of over 120 marks.

"Some of the candidates had made an elaborate plan to cheat to get appointed as PSIs. Some more suspects will be arrested soon. A special CID team will conduct the probe and action will be taken against those involved in malpractices," he said.

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Technical Section VII

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Notice for appointment of consultant for establishing of on-grid roof top solar power plant at CO Annexe, Mangaluru.

Union Bank of India invites sealed bids for the subject work. For full details and RFP please log on to Bank's website **www.unionbankofindia.co.in** & govt. portal **www.eprocure.gov.in.** Last date for submission of tender is 3.00 p.m. on 10.05.2022 at Bank's CO Annexe, Mangaluru.

Date: 11.04.2022 — **Chief Manager**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU
No.4, Jeevan Mangal Building 1st Floor, Residency Road, Bengaluru-25

O.A. No.347/2021

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Between

City Union Bank Ltd, R.T. Nagar Branch, Represented by The Branch Manager. .... **Applicant**

And :

Mr. Shafiq Khan and Others .... **Defendants**

To Defendants No.1, 2 and 3

1. **Mr. Shafiq Khan,** S/o. Mr. Barkath Khan,
2. **Mr. Barkath Khan,** S/o. Mr. Shahid Khan, Both are Residing at : No.62, Kogilu Layout, Near Amruth Hospital, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.
3. **M.K. Builders,** Represented by its Partner, P.Krishnamurthy, S/o. Late Kondaiah, R/at, Govindaraju, No.11, A.K. Ankareddy Layout, 1st Cross, PWD Main Road, B. Narayanapura, Bangalore - 560016.

SUMMONS

Whereas the applicant has instituted original application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due To Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.59,59,970/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy only)** as on **31-07-2020** is being the amount due together with current and future interest @ 15.50% per annum compounded monthly rests from the date of the Application till realization and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant/s is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent of his/their defense to show cause within on **28-07-2022** at **11.00 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take summons that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

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A total of 57 lives, including that of 6 newborns, have been saved inside trains or at railway station platforms across the Bengaluru Division in the just concluded financial year. This translates to almost a life saved every week, thanks to the alertness on the part of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)

STRAWS IN THE WIND

It's time for topis in BJP

As political temperatures are rising head of next year's Assembly polls, most of the BJP events nowadays are a sea of saffron topis. Yes, you heard it right, the topis! The BJP that was averse to the topi culture that was the preserve of Congress, AAP and Samajwadi Party seems to have embraced it wholeheartedly. The trend started with the BJP Founders' Day event in New Delhi on April 16, where top netas of the party, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, were seen donning the caps. When Delhi leaders do it, will our state netas be far behind? So, now we have Karnataka leaders wearing saffron topis while addressing press meets at the BJP party office.

AAP kehte hai aap bhi ayiye...

The Aam Aadmi Party is casting its net wide to catch big, small, or any fish that it can get in the state. The political grapevine has it that not less than Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah was approached to join the party. But Siddu's men pooh-poohed any such talk, saying the Ahinda leader is not interested in joining any political entity as the Congress has well taken care of interests. However, there was a further twist to the story, as some AAP members claimed, "We did not get in touch with Siddu, instead his people approached our bosses in New Delhi." Karnataka in-charge Dilip Pandey, however, had no clue of any such developments, and merely commented, "Let good people from all directions join us."

Whose constituency is it anyway?

It was quite a sight when leaders from across parties made a beeline to the house of Avva Mahadesh, who was acquitted in a double murder and other criminal cases, in Mysuru recently. A former JDS corporator, Mahadesh claims he is reformed now, after spending several years in jail. As Chamaraja constituency MLA L Nagendra (BJP), other leaders, and fans thronged his house, Mahadesh told reporters he is willing to contest the next Assembly elections from the Chamaraja constituency if the JDS gives him the ticket. The impact of his statement was immediate and the shock was writ large on the faces of the sitting MLA and JDS ticket aspirants, who had come to greet Mahadesh.

Hindu forums must not cross line: Minister

Madhuswamy says it's wrong to ban Muslims from trading in public areas as everyone has rights under the law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

AS pro-Hindu organisations are stepping up a vitriolic campaign against minorities, Law Minister JC Madhuswamy on Sunday warned that the government will take stern action if pro-Hindu outfits cross their limits.

At Budihal village, he said, "This country belongs to all. Those who stayed with India during the Independence are all Indian citizens. The government will not give scope to such activities. The 'hijab' row was created all of a sudden by six girls of Udupi. The issue is going in different directions. The government will surely take action against these activities that are not acceptable to citizens."

On not allowing Muslims to trade on temple premises, he said, "The government never spoke about banning Muslims to trade on temple premises. It is wrong to ban them from trading in public areas as everyone has rights under the Constitution."

On handing over the murder probe of a youth, Chandru,in Bengaluru to the CID, he said, "What is wrong if CID takes up the probe. The home minister has already confessed that he spoke to the media without getting complete information."

POOR HAVE NO RELIGION, DON'T TARGET US: FRUIT CART VENDOR

AMIT S UPADHYE AND MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@Dharwad

A tiny room in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar of Dharwad houses eight members. Until yesterday, their daily bread was earned mainly by selling fruits by the eldest member of the family. **Nabisab Killedar**, 68, whose fruit cart was vandalised by right-wing activists in Hanuman temple in Nuggikeri of Dharwad, now stares at a bleak future.

Arbaz (left), Nabisab Killedar's grandson, at their residence in Dharwad

"The donations that are pouring in may help me, but I want freedom to do business anywhere I wish. I pray to Hanuman that those who vandalised my cart are spared. But I request all not to target the poor. The poor have no religion," he said. Nabisab's grandson Arbaz, who also owned a fruit cart at Nuggikeri Hanuman temple in Dharwad, is trying to look for a new locality to set up his cart or change his profession altogether. "We have to shift to other labour work as we have nothing to do to lead the life until we set up the fruit shop at another place. We are worried about our daily bread," he said.

Arbaz said he had quit his studies a few years ago following the financial condition of his family. He, however, is keen on educating his brother and sisters who are still in school.

"We were totally dependent on the fruit shop... but now we have lost it. People are coming forward to help us... but how long we have to wait for help. I request the organisations not to harm the poor who believe in equality. If at all one needs to show their strength let them target the business tycoons... not street vendors," he thundered. Another family member said that during free hours the family members work as security guards. "Now all of a sudden the business has been shut," he rued. Drakshayini Kamble, a neighbour, said, "We know the family of Nabisab. They are good people. The recent incident has harmed the sentiments of both the communities here."

Several individuals, politicians and organisations have come forward to help Nabisab after the vandalism incident on Saturday. Former chief minister and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy donated Rs 10,000.

CM Basavaraj Bommai receives a goat as gift in Bankapur

Everyone must unite for progress: CM

HAVERI:Amid the hijab row, halal meat issue and loudspeaker controversy ongoing in Karnataka, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has the chanted the unity mantra. He said that Karnataka should be a land of peace and harmony and everyone should unite sinking the differences of caste and religion to take the state on the path of development. He was speaking at Bankapur town in Haveri district after taking part in Sri Revanasiddeshwara Pattabhisheka Mahotsava. He said his government is committed to the principle of happiness and progress of all. *(Arunkumar Huralimath)*

'There will be a reaction to action'

BENGALURU: BJP Raitha Morcha State president Eranna Kadadi said there will be a reaction to action and everyone must follow court orders and laws to maintain peace in the society. He said the government will not tolerate such acts and it is taking appropriate action against those responsible for it, but everyone must follow the rules and court orders. He was referring to some minority community leaders questioning the HC order in the Hijab row. On the campaign against buying mangoes from Muslim traders, he said they will not support such acts.

Control rogue elements or quit: Siddu to CM

ENS@Bengaluru

THE Opposition Congress on Sunday slammed the members of a right-wing group that vandalised the shop of a Muslim trader in Dharwad and demanded that the authorities immediately arrest them.

If Basavaraj Bommai is still the Chief Minister of Karnataka, he should get the members of Sri Rama Sene arrested and sent to jail for vandalising the shops of Muslim traders in Dharwad, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah said. "If Bommai is incapable of doing this, it is better to resign for the benefit of Karnataka," the former CM tweeted.

Siddaramaiah said the attack by Sri Rama Sene members is not just on Muslim traders, but an attack on farmers growing watermelon. "Karnataka is known for peace and harmony and they take pride in it. Attack on Muslims by wings of Sangh Parivar and BJP has embarrassed Kannadigas in front of the whole world," he added.

Leader of Opposition in the Council BK Hariprasad accused BJP of attacking minorities. "Kittur Channamma, Sangolli Rayanna, Belavadi Mallamma have fought for freedom. But, now incidents of insulting the personalities who founded this country are happening. The freedom movement was not limited for any one cast, language or region. Freedom was earned by the sacrifice of lakhs of people. Bahadur Zafar Shah is the first to take leadership in the freedom movement. Later, Queen of Jhansi fought in the year 1857 setting aside the religion, cast, language and region,' Hariprasad added.

KRRS to contest from all 224 seats in 2023

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Karwar

Blaming all the political parties for neglecting farmers, the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has decided to field its candidates in all the 224 Assembly constituencies in Karnataka.

> As far as Congress and JDS are concerned, they are competing with each other for minority votes. This will not lead to any kind of development
>
> Kodihalli Chandrashekar, KRRS president

Speaking to the media in Sirsi, KRRS president Kodihalli Chandrashekar said the government must help the farmers who are in distress. Blaming the ruling BJP for fanning communal tension in the state, he said that the government wants to woo voters using religion, caste and other communal issues.

"That is the reason problems like poverty and unemployment are on the rise. They just want the votes of the majority community," he said and added, "As far as Congress and JDS are concerned, they are competing with each other for minority votes. This will not lead to any kind of development."

He said that to uphold the values of democracy, the KRRS has decided to field its candidates in all the 224 seats.

Money has become the only criteria for contesting and winning elections, he added.

On support to AAP

On supporting Aam Admi Party, which is planning to contest the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections, he said, "A decision will be taken on whether to support Aam Aadmi Party or not only if if we like their ideology."

TO WOO INVESTORS

GIM 2022: State Govt to conduct roadshows in Chennai, Hyderabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

EVEN as the neighbouring states are trying to woo investors from Karnataka and the Opposition parties are expressing concern over communal issues impacting investment flow, Karnataka Industries Department is preparing to conduct roadshows in Hyderabad, Chennai and other cities ahead of the Global Investors Meet (GIM) in November.

> Our department and senior officials in coordination with the Centre and Indian embassies in major foreign countries are working diligently and leaving no stone unturned
>
> Murugesh Nirani, Industries Minister

"Preparations for GIM are going on in full swing. Our department and senior officials in coordination with the Centre and Indian embassies in major foreign countries are working diligently and leaving no stone unturned," said Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani. This edition of the GIM will be under the theme "Build for the World" to reflect the state's position as a global manufacturing hub. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai recently launched 'Invest Karnataka' and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the GIM on November 2. "We have prepared a roadmap explaining the investment opportunities available in the state in all the sectors. We have joined hands with several foreign countries and private entities to conduct this mega business summit. Some have already committed themselves as partner countries and we are expecting more countries to partner us," he said. The minister said they will conduct national and international roadshows ahead of the GIM. Roadshows will be conducted in Mumbai, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai and other cities, he added.

Congress leaders have expressed concerns about hijab row, the campaign against halal meat, banning Muslim traders near temple premises and attacks on Muslim traders in the state will have an impact on the state's ability to attract investment. The government, however, has maintained that such issues will not have any impact on investments.

The 161-ft tall statue of Panchamukhi Hanuman which was unveiled by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Bidanagere in Tumakuru district on Sunday

EXPRESS READ

BJP state leaders to tour state in three teams

BENGALURU : The leaders of the state unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party would tour the state in three teams from April 12. They would hold conventions of district level and booth level party workers. They would hold party conventions in nine places. BJP National General Secretary in-charge of party affairs in Karnataka Arun Singh, party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel and senior leader and former chief minister **BS Yediyurappa** would lead the teams, Chief Minister Bommai said on Sunday. ENS

STRAIGHT TALK

Fundamentalism in all religions must be opposed, says Baraguru Ramchandrappa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

NOTED writer and Nadoja Baraguru Ramchandrappa here on Sunday suggested that fundamentalism in all religions should be opposed to safeguard the country's democratic values as fundamentalists are creating islands of hatred.

"If there is fundamentalism in Islam we should oppose it, and also if it is in HInduism and Christianity. The ideals of Swami Vivekananda can show the way to keep tolerance and equality intact. But rulers, instead of talking about Lord Rama's ideals of sacrifice, are using his name to attain power," he charged.

Nadoja Baraguru Ramchandrappa, Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekara Kambara and others at the release of a book on former DyCM Dr G Parameshwara in Tumakuru

Speaking at the release of a book, Savyasachi, on former deputy chief minister Dr G Parameshwara, he alleged that religion and culture have been misinterpreted to divide society.

He suggested that juxtaposing the founding fathers of the country, including Mahatma Gandhi and Dr B R Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhai Patel, with hero and villain superlatives should be stopped. "Nehru was the first prime minister to say he was the 'jan sevak'," he remarked.

Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekara Kambara released the book.

Statue in K'taka was Hanuman's wish: CM

ENS @Tumakuru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that there will be good times ahead for Karnataka as he unveiled the the 161-ft tall Panchamukhi Anjaneya Swamy statue, touted to be the world's tallest, installed by Basaveshwara Mutt at Bidanagere in Kunigal taluk of Tumakuru district.

"Panchamukhi Anjaneya is a special form of Hanuman, which is mentioned in the Ramayana. Hanuman took this form for the welfare of the world. It is the divine wish of Hanuman to have his 161-ft tall statue installed in Karnataka. The sculptors have done a wonderful job," Bommai added. Bommai, while appreciating the mutt's head Dhananjay Guruji, who put in eight years of hard work to install the statue made of cement and steel, observed that the region would see huge development in the future.

Dhananjay Guruji had visited PM Narendra Modi in Delhi and invited him to unveil the statue. But Modi promised to take part virtually but cancelled at the last minute due to his busy schedule.

Drug Offenders Profiling, Analysis & Monitoring System (DOPAMS) application developed by the Telangana Police Department has now been made accessible to the police departments of at least three neighbouring states to assist in their fight against drug trafficking

Yechury gets 3rd term as CPM gen secretary

Party vows to take lead in forming an alliance of secular, democratic forces to isolate and defeat BJP

ANIL S @Kannur

DETERMINED to regain its lost space in national politics, the CPM has given a third term for Sitaram Yechury at the helm and inducted for the first time in its history a Dalit in the politburo. Yechury, an articulate leader adept in sewing alliances, was re-elected as general secretary at a time when CPM has vowed to take the lead in forming a broad alliance of secular, democratic forces to isolate and defeat BJP.

The 23rd CPM party congress, which concluded in Kannur on Sunday, elected a 17-member politburo, with three new faces. The new PB will have Dalit representation in West Bengal leader Ram Chandra Dome. "For the first time, the party has a Dalit joining the politburo," said Yechury announcing the decision.

Convener of the ruling LDF in Kerala A Vijayaraghavan, All India Kisan Sabha president Ashok Dhawle are the two other new members. The party congress also elected an 85-member central committee.

Three senior politburo members who crossed the upper age limit of 75 years -- S Ramachandran Pillai from Kerala and Biman Bose and Hannan Mollah from West Bengal -- moved out of the PB. They have been made special invitees to the central committee.

Going by the party decision, the size of the central committe has been trimmed from 95 to 85 this time. With the new age criteria, the CC is now a tad younger. The 85-member CC has 17 fresh faces. There are 15 women members in the new committee. One slot is kept vacant. Veterans V S Achuthanandan and Paloli Mohammad Kutty have been dropped as special invitees.

Among the new CC members, four are from Kerala, three from West Bengal, two each from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, one each from Tripura, Telengana, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand and Maharashtra.

As expected, ministers K N Balagopal and P Rajeeve made it to the central committee from Kerala. This time around, two women from the state – former MP C S Sujatha and Kerala Women's Commission chairperson and former MP P Sathidevi – got representation in the committee. Both are leaders of All India Democratic Women's Association. Seniors P Karunakaran, Vaikom Viswan and M C Josephine were dropped from central committee in addition to S Ramachandran Pillai.

Uttarakhand state secretary Rajendra Singh Negi and Chhattisgarh secretary Sanjay Parate are made permanent invitees. A K Padmanabhan has been elected as Control Commission chairman.

Addressing the delegates at the end of the party congress, Yechury said the CPM won't let BJP destroy the secular democratic fabric of the country. "It's our resolve to fight and defeat the BJP which has been pursuing the Hindutva, the communal agenda of the fascist RSS. It's essential not only for the party's forward movement, but also to safeguard India as a secular democratic country, to protect the institution of the constitutional republic, to protect the rights of the minorities and to protect the unity of India as a federal structure. The red flag will not permit BJP to destroy India," said Yechury.

Earlier in the day, senior politburo member Prakash Karat replied to the discussion on the party organisational report. Responding to criticism from delegates, he admitted to shortcomings on the part of the central leadership.

Party supporters attend the concluding ceremony of the 23rd CPM Party Congress at Kannur on Sunday | TP SOORAJ

TRS leaders Vinod Kumar (extreme right) and MLC Kavitha (centre) inspect the dharna site in New Delhi on Sunday | EXPRESS

KCR heads to Delhi to lead Maha Dharna

V V BALAKRISHNA @Hyderabad

AFTER turning hostile towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao is taking his fight to Delhi where the TRS supremo will take part in a Maha Dharna for the cause of farmers. The dharna, to be organised at Telangana Bhavan in the national capital on Monday, will see the participation of around 1,500 TRS functionaries, including Ministers, MPs, district party presidents and other party leaders.

Even as the Centre refuses to concede their demand that the Food Corporation of India (FCI) should procure the entire stock of paddy produced in Telangana as it is bieng done in Punjab, the State government is planning to bail out the farmers. However, the protest is aimed at exposing the Centre's vindictive attitude towards the farmers of Telangana.

The TRS has already organised a series of protests across the States, including some in the villages and on National Highways, to highlight the issue.

MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha, who left for Delhi along with the Chief Minister on April 3, supervised the arrangements for the protest along with the TRS Parliamentary Party leader K Keshava Rao, TRS Lok Sabha floor leader Nama Nageswara Rao, State Planning Board vice-chairman B Vinod Kumar and other MPs at Telangana Bhavan on Sunday.

Later, Kavitha tweeted: "Telangana Government under the leadership of CM KCR has stood by our farmers and we strongly believe that every single farmer must receive fair share of their harvest. Tomorrow, the entire TRS will get on the streets of Delhi, to fight for the rights of our 61 lakh farmers (sic)".

BJP to counter TRS protest with 'deeksha'

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WHAT started off as a political blame game between the TRS and BJP over paddy procurement and progressed to a slugfest has now taken the turn of a tit-for-tat political action on the ground.

The BJP has announced that it would be countering the TRS protest at Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi with a 'deeksha' of its own in Hyderabad on Monday.

Police have granted permission for BJP's 'Rythu Deeksha' with the slogan "procure paddy or step down," to be held at the Dharna Chowk near Indira Park at 10 am on Monday. The saffron party plans to mobilise its entire State leadership, in addition to inviting Union Minister of State for Foreign and Parliamentary Affairs V Muraleedharan.

BJP State president B Sanjay Kumar will be leading the assault on the State government, along with party leaders like DK Aruna, P Muralidhar Rao, AP Jithender Reddy, Vijayashanthi, P Sudhakar Reddy and others.

Jagan picks 11 old faces for his new team

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** Sunday picked his team of Council of Ministers which saw 11 of the old faces re-inducted into the new Cabinet. The allocation of portfolios is likely to draw a major surprise as the Chief Minister is likely to affect a revamp of portfolios and those who were retained are unlikely to get the same ministry in the new Cabinet, sources confirmed TNIE.

The swearing in ceremony of the ministers would be held Monday morning at the State Secretariat, Velagapudi. Though initially Jagan Mohan Reddy gave indications that just a few of his 24 Cabinet colleagues would be re-inducted into the new team, surprisingly, 11 of them have been retained. Prominent among them are seniors Botcha Satyanarayana and Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy and Buggana Rajendranath Reddy and K Narayana Swamy and Audimulapu Suresh.

Buggana was picked up as he had been looking after the crucial finance portfolio while caste equations played a key role in retaining Suresh and Narayana Swamy. Initially, another SC leader M Thippe Swamy was chosen but in the last minute, Suresh was retained.

19 SL Tamils intercepted near Dhanushkodi

MS THANARAJ @ Ramanathapuram

AS Sri Lanka reels under its worst economic crisis, 19 Lankan Tamils were caught arriving in two batches from Trincomalee and Jaffna, were caught attempting to migrate without proper documents in Dhanushkodi on Sunday.

The first batch of 10 Lankan Tamils were rescued from a sandbar off Dhanushkodi in the wee hours of Sunday morning and the second batch with nine people arrived later in Dhanushkodi. With this the total number of Sri Lankan Tamils who have arrived seeking refuge in India has increased to 39.

Upon receiving information that several people were found stranded on a sandbar 0ff Dhanushkodi, a team of marine police and coastal guards rescued about 10 SL Tamils including three women and four children.

19 Sri Lankan Tamils who arrived in two batches on Sunday | EXPRESS

Following an investigation, the marine police stated the first batch of 10 Lankan Tamils from Trincomalee started from Mannar on Saturday night and were dropped off at a sandbar. After being stranded for several hours in the dark, the migrants were taken to the police station.

Later, nine SL Tamils with three women and two children arrived at Dhanushkodi from Jaffna using a fibreglass boat.

SECURITY STEPPED UP AT ANDHRA COAST TO AVOID REFUGEES FROM SRI LANKA

Vijayawada : After the alert issued by the Central Intelligence agencies that Sri Lankan nationals may enter India in boats to escape the economic crisis in the island nation, the Marine police and Coast Guard have sounded high alert in coastal areas across Andhra Pradesh. It might be recalled that Tamil Nadu's Marine police had detained a family of four -- husband, wife, and two children -- when they reached Dhanushkodi from Sri Lank and handed them over to the Mandapam camp on Friday. According to sources, the Central intelligence agencies warned that there are chances of Sri Lankan Tamil families reaching Indian shores in Nellore district. As the economic crisis in Sri Lanka escalates, intelligence agencies alerted Andhra Pradesh and other States to maintain strict vigil on and off the coasts. The state police instructed the fishermen community across the coastline from Visakhapatnam to Nellore to inform them if they found anyone suspicious entering the Indian waters. AP has 974 kilometres of coastline and security has been tightened in all coastline villages. Nellore SP Ch Vijaya Rao told TNIE that both Nellore and Tirupati share a coast line of 90 km and special teams were formed to check boats, in coordination with Marine police. Special teams were formed to keep a vigil on suspicious boats in coastal areas of Nellore district, which is a Tamil Nadu border district.

2 teenage girls drown at Mangaluru beach

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TWO teenage girls drowned at the Surathkal Beach near Mangaluru on Sunday morning. The deceased, Trisha (15) and Vaishnavi (21), were cousins.

Surathkal Police Inspector Chandrappa K said the girls' families were at the beach to perform a post-death ritual of their grandfather who passed away recently. "There were around 20 people. When the ritual was underway, the girls ventured into the sea and were swept away by big waves. Seeing them deep in the sea, some shopkeepers who are also lifeguards pulled them out of the water. The two were immediately shifted to a hospital nearby in our Hoysala police car, but they were declared brought dead," he added.

Vaishnavi, who was studying BE at AJ Institute of Technology, was the daughter of Venkatesh, who works as a technician in Bengaluru. Trisha, a Class 10 student, was daughter of Prashanth, an IT company employee in Bengaluru.

SACRED PALMS

A volunteer hands out palm leaves to devotees on Palm Sunday at Sacred Heart Shrine Church, Chennai on Sunday | R.SATISHBABU

EXPRESS READ

Goods truck runs over farmer, son escapes

BENGALURU : In a case of hit-and-run, a 51-year-old farmer was knocked down by a speeding goods truck in Chikkajala on Saturday evening. His son escaped miraculously. The police said the incident occurred around 8 pm when Muniraju, a resident of Bellahalli village, and his son Bharath were crossing the road near Kogilu Cross. The truck hit Muniraju, while Bharath jumped next to the drainage and escaped. The residents chased the vehicle, but the driver managed to speed away. Muniraju was rushed to a private hospital where he was declared brought dead.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
NO.4, JEEVAN MANGAL, RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALORE-560 025
O.A. No. 628/2021
Between:
Karnataka Gramin Bank, Banashankari Branch, Bengaluru-560 070. ...Applicant
And:
Sri.B M Shankar and others ...Defendants
Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to the Defendants.
Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.38,01,656=00 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Six Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or **on the 17.05.2022 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS THE **30 DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**
BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR / ASST. REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
1. Sri. B. M. Shankar, S/o. Sri. Mallegowda, Residing at No.20, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Ramakrishna Nagar, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078.
2. Smt. K Roopa, W/o. Sri. Nagasuri Sundar raju, Residing at No. 124/1, Near Infosys Gate No.6, Konappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Electronic City Post Office Phase -1, Bengaluru-560 100.
3. Lingaraj.G, S/o. Sri. Shivappa Gorava, **Proprietor of M/s. Elite Constructions,** Having his office at No.12, 11th Cross, Near IAS Officers Colony, BTM Layout, Bengaluru - 560 076. **And residing** at No.12, 11th Cross, BSK 6th Stage, Bengaluru -560 060.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
NO.4, JEEVAN MANGAL, RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALORE-560 025
O.A. No. 622/2021
Between:
Karnataka Gramin Bank, Banashankari Branch, Bengaluru-560 070. ...Applicant
And:
Smt. Roopa K and others ...Defendants
Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to the Defendants.
Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.37,00,755=00 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Seven Hundred and Fifty Five Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or **on the 17.05.2022 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS THE **03 DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**
BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR / ASST. REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I AT BANGALORE
2nd Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, BANGALORE – 560 025
O.A. No.194 / 2021
Between: CANARA BANK, K.R. Puram Branch, No. 47, K.R. Puram Main Road, K.R. Puram, BENGALURU – 560 036. Reptd.by its Senior Manager, Smt. KALAIVANI C. ...APPLICANT
And:
Sri VENKATESH, Proprietor, M/s. Revathi Enterprises, No. 50, Opp. to Vinayaka Jewellers, Devasandra Main Road, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, BENGALURU – 560 036.
Sri VENKATESH S/o late Munishamappa Aged 50 years, R/at No.166, 'Brunda Nilaya', 1st Cross, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, BENGALURU – 560 036. ...DEFENDANT
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.85,30,780-35 (Rupees Eighty-five Lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Paise Thirty five only),** together with current and future interest and other relief/s. The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or through authorised agent/s in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 24-05-2022 at 11:00AM,** as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **21st day of March 2022.**
Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I BANGALORE

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Fiducia Syndicate
Avathi Branch : Devanahalli Road, No. 152 , N H 7, Avathi Village & Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural - 562164, KA.
Phone No. 080-29780090. e-mail : cb0427@canarabank.com
POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule-8(1)) (for Immovable property)
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **30.01.2020** calling upon the borrower **Sri C. Nagarajagowda, S/o Late Chikkagundappa** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.29,69,558.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **08.04.2022.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **CANARA BANK** for an amount of **Rs.33,25,137.72 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty Seven and Seventy Two Only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that is part and parcel of house property (3 Floors) standing in the name of **Sri C. Nagaraja Gowda, S/o Late Chikkagundappa** bearing Municipal Khata No.407/131/2/10 measuring East-West 30ft. and North-South 40 ft. situated at Shanthinagar, Ward No. 20 ,Sulibele Road, 4th Division, Devanahalli Town, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk Bounded on : **On the East by :** 30 Ft. Road, **On the West by :** Site No.9, **On the North by :** Site No.11 and **On the South by :** 30 Ft. Road.
Date : 08.04.2022 Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Canara Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA
ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH
Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, 'A'Block, 2nd Floor Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560 009.
Telephone:080-25943765/25943769
E-Mail: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in
Authorised Officer's Details:
Name Shri. Vinaya K
E-mail ID: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9448946013
Landline No.(office): 080-25943765
Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **29.04.2022** for recovery of **Rs.1,13,19,506/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred and Six only) as on 04.04.2022 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor **Sri.Ronald Rex Arockiaswamy** (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 61,99,000/-	Rs. 6,19,900/-	Rs. 20,000.00

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Tender No: SBI/ARMB/KRV/01
Property No. 1– (Title deed holder: Sri.Ronald Rex Arockiaswamy)
All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site No.13, formed out of Sy.No.164/5A, Converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN(NA)41/84-85, dated 22.07.1985, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP Bytarayanapura and having Khatha No.1496/164/5A/13, East to West : 30 feet, North to South : 30 feet in all measuring 900 sq. feet, 21 sq. ft, constructed RCC roofed vitrified flooring Honey Wood Door and windows with all civic amenities and bounded on : East by : Private Property (Previously it was poll factory), West by : 20 feet Road, North by : Site No.12, South by : Site No.14.
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: **07.04.2022** State Bank of India,
Place: Bengaluru ARMB, Bengaluru

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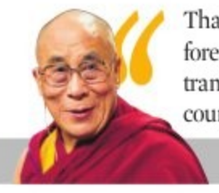

That the air we breathe, the water we drink, the forests and oceans that sustain countless life forms, all transcend national boundaries is a source of hope—no country can afford not to take action in this context

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

DECISIVE WIN FOR CONSTITUTIONAL MORALITY IN PAK

After a vexatious day-long drama that found him a whisker away from being hauled up for contempt of court, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan was decisively voted out of power in the wee hours of Sunday. Even before the voting process was over, Imran vacated his official residence despite his earlier grandstanding of playing till the last ball. He slunk away without turning up in Parliament right through Saturday and let his loyalist speaker be cannon fodder for the Supreme Court and the united opposition by directing him to resist the vote till the last minute. The speaker finally resigned before Parliament took up the no-confidence motion. Also, over two dozen of the ruling party's rebels escaped disqualification as they did not need to cast their ballot. If Team Imran tried to pull a fast one by playing the emotional card of foreign plot to reject the no-confidence motion and dissolve Parliament, an upright SC bench unanimously saw through the jumla and restored the majesty of the Constitution and parliamentary democracy by ordering the floor test. And when it appeared Imran was bent on defying its diktat, it opened the its door close to midnight to process possible contempt charges, thus pressuring him into capitulation. In the end, it was the SC that deserved the player of the match award.

Proceedings in Pakistan's Parliament finally merited more attention in South Asia than a Netflix soap, though the West stayed fixated on Ukraine for the better part of the day. About four years ago, destiny had tossed the ball to Imran to break the stranglehold of the corrupt Sharifs and Bhuttos in power and make history. Imran spilled the chance by letting power get to his head and allowing the country to plunge into a deeper economic pit than he inherited while creating a massive foreign policy mess.

His successor, Shehbaz Sharif, inherits a crown of thorns with little fiscal room for reforms as general elections are barely a year away. But his vast experience in governance will be a plus in coalition management. Since the Miltablishment wants to resume trade with India while opening dialogue on knotty issues like Kashmir, some thaw could be expected in bilateral ties.

TN'S MODEL TO AID FUND-STARVED STATES

The advisory council constituted by Tamil Nadu to develop a Federal Fiscal Model is unique in many aspects. The six-member council will study the fiscal powers of the state and the Union with special reference to GST, levy of cesses and surcharges by New Delhi and its impact on TN's finances. It will also look at institutional mechanisms that support GST, including constitution of the GST Tribunal, compliance issues faced by large industries and MSMEs, and other issues relevant to the federal fiscal relationship.

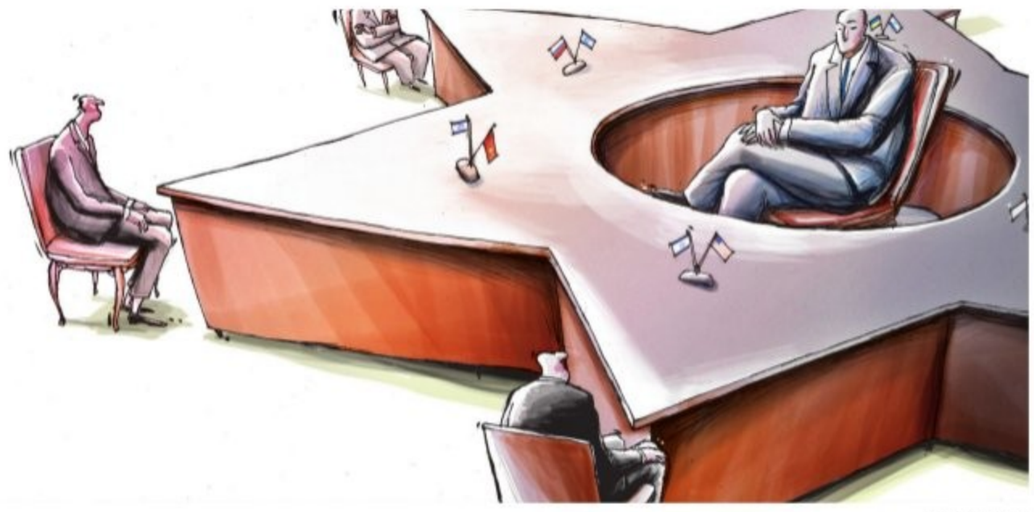
Though Chief Minister M K Stalin had openly declared an ideological war against the BJP-ruled Centre, attempts by the DMK to build a broader 'coalition of the willing' to take on it had borne only limited results due to two factors. First, though the GST Council is expected to be an independent body of states that would debate, discuss and decide matters on consensus, there is very little opposition to the Centre on tax devolution as most of the states are ruled by the BJP. Party kinship takes precedence over the rights of the states. Second, most opposition-ruled states find it politically disconcerting to share a common platform with the Congress because of the electoral implications it may have in their respective states where they are political adversaries.

Though the 15th Finance Commission has fixed the quantum of tax transfer to states from the divisible tax pool at 41% for 2021-22 to 2025-26, the actual devolution is expected to be much lower due to the pervasive cesses and surcharges. According to FM Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, cesses and surcharges as a proportion of the gross tax revenue of the Centre have tripled from 6.26% in 2010-11 to 19.9% in 2020-21. States are deprived of a share in approximately 20% of the revenue collected by the Union. The new model is surely a step in the DMK government's push to establish and assert the rights of states whose importance hitherto was couched in ideological moorings and political rhetoric. It may offer them a fiscal blueprint to assert their rights on tax issues and provide a legal platform to fight for financial independence.

While the US still remains its major benefactor, the spate of diplomatic engagements indicates Israel's willingness to expand its circle of friends through converging interests

ISRAEL HOPS FROM ISOLATION TO HIGH OCTANE DIPLOMACY

P R KUMARASWAMY
Professor, School of International Studies, JNU



SOUMYADIP SINHA

The visit of Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett to India scheduled for last week had to be cancelled at the last minute as he tested positive for Covid. Despite the minor hiccup, the Israeli leader and his colleagues have been crisscrossing the region and beyond. The fragile Bennett-Lapid government that came to power last June is conscious of its limited exposure to international diplomacy and is aggressively capitalising on the expanding horizons of the Abraham Accords, which saw Israel's normalisation with the UAE, Morocco, Bahrain and Sudan. While The US is still the pivot, Israel is consciously expanding its diplomatic footprints in the region and beyond.

Recent weeks also saw the return of terrorism, and a spate of attacks struck Hadera, Beer Sheba and Bnei Brak, resulting in the killing of 11 Israeli citizens and injuries to many more. The attack in Hadera was carried out by two Israeli Arab cousins from Umm al-Fahm, believed to be sympathisers of the Islamic Caliphate or ISIS. Moreover, the renewed violence came just days before the onset of Ramadan, often a tense period in the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

At the same time, the nation's diplomatic footprints have been expanding in recent weeks. Let's look at some of the forays. Having commonly seen boycotts, isolation and exclusion in the past, Israel hosted a six-member Foreign Ministers summit attended by Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, UAE and the US in March. A few days later, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid was in Athens, where he also met his Cypriot counterpart. Earlier in the month, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan broke his decade-long bickering and hosted Israeli President Isaac Herzog, who was also in Amman, to meet with King Hussein of Jordan. In early March, Bennett broke his sabbath observance and flew to Moscow to mediate the Ukraine crisis; and a couple of weeks later, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy virtually addressed the Israeli Knesset. Moreover, since the normalisation of relations, the Israeli president, prime minister, foreign minister, defence minister and other leaders have visited Bahrain, UAE and Morocco and held high-level consultations.

In an unusual move, Defence Minister Benny Gantz was supposed to accompany the Israeli Prime Minister to New Delhi, which will now be rescheduled. Indeed, last October, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar virtually attended the inaugural Foreign Ministers' meeting in Jerusalem comprising India, Israel, the UAE and the US, unveiling the mini-Quad. But it was Egyptian President Fattah al-Sisi who stole the march on the others and hosted a three-way summit involving Bennett and Emirati Crown Prince Mohammed bin-Zayed al-Nahyan.

The crisscrossing Israeli diplomatic manoeuvres underscore a few broad trends. First, even a year into its office, the Biden administration is still clueless about its Middle East policy. Its desire to review the nuclear deal with Iran is not viewed favourably in the region, especially by Israel and Gulf Arab Kingdoms. Washington has not convinced its allies that a renewed agreement would be stable and better than the 2015 one and will have iron-clad guarantees against the Iranian ability to increase uranium enrichment. For example, the much-heralded nuclear deal prohibited Iran from enriching uranium above 3.67%, suitable only for nuclear power reactors—the stated objective of the Iranian nuclear programme—for 15 years. However, using the Trump administration's pull-out as an excuse, Iran revived its enrichment programme. Last November, Persian media reported that Iran had increased its stockpile to 25 kgs of 60% enrichment. Moreover, the Vienna talks with Iran do not indicate that the Biden Administration is addressing regional (Arab and Israeli) fears over an Iranian hegemony and its persistent interference in the internal affairs of its neighbours.

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Second, the Biden administration's failure to deter the Russian invasion and its subsequent inability to defend Ukraine raise regional doubts over American credibility. Though the traditional pro-western allies still lack a viable alternative, these countries, including Israel, are opting for a hedging strategy. For example, Israel is careful in distancing itself from Washington's anti-Putin rhetoric and declaring Moscow as an aggressor will only undermine Israel's freedom of action against Iranian elements in war-torn Syria. Even during the heydays of the Cold War, Israel never pursued an explicitly anti-Soviet policy, and its criticisms and actions largely focused on the Soviet military support and supplies to the Arab world and the absence of diplomatic relations following the June War. Moreover, Israel is also aware of the consolidation of the Sino-Russian partnership manifested in the decade-long crisis in Syria. The Saudi reluctance to pump more oil into the market to stabilise prices and exploration of the Yuan for oil transactions with China is part of this cautious approach of the Gulf Arab countries, for whom Israel is a better bet.

Lastly, population estimates suggest that nearly a million Russian Jews live in Israel. The number will be higher if one includes other nations of the former Soviet Republic. At one time, eastern Europe had more Jews than the state of Israel and now the Russian-speaking Jews form an important political constituency, necessitating the leaders, especially Bennett, to befriend Moscow.

While the US still remains its major patron and benefactor, the spate of diplomatic engagements in recent weeks also indicates the Israeli willingness to expand its circle of friends through converging interests and shared disappointments with the Biden administration.

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SILVERLINE WILL BE A BITTER PROJECT FOR KERALA

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Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly & former president, KPCC

Just have a look at the pathetic condition of the commoners in Kerala now. People are terrified that all their hard work and life savings in the form of land and houses would disappear in the name of a project that matters little to them. The other day, Chengannur native Eliyamma was wailing uncontrollably, holding both my hands. The 92-year-old is horrified she will lose her dwelling in a matter of days.

Among those who are out on the streets, protesting and attempting to throw away the yellow survey stones, are mothers profusely weeping and holding their children by their side, and aged people who can barely walk. These protests are the creations of the commission-driven SilverLine project (K-Rail) which has been drafted to fill the pockets of the ruling front's politicians.

The CPM had promised the K-Rail implementation "at any cost" in its manifesto and repeated the same after assuming power. As their propaganda goes, it will change the face of Kerala. Yes, indeed! It will change and drive Kerala into a huge debt trap, similar to the one that our neighbour Sri Lanka is now struggling with. Yes, Kerala will become a land of floods and natural calamities. These conclusions have not been arrived at based on assumptions or in blind opposition to development, as the CPM seeks to interpret. These are based on specific data and studies.

An environmental disaster: On the environmental consequences, the less said is better. Through the proposed "dream" project, the Kerala government, in effect, is seeking to build a giant wall of eight metres high and 25 to 30 metres wide from one end of the state to the other. This will be constructed after building concrete walls on both sides and filling it with granite pieces and sand. This construction will be bigger than a two-storey house. Moreover, on both sides, a 30-metre stretch will be kept as the buffer zone. The report clearly states that 55% of the project—292.73 km—will comprise such walls. Of the remaining stretch, 19% or 101.74 km will involve "cutting". This stretch will be laid by creating a nine-metre wide passage through hills and hillocks after cutting through them and building high retaining walls. An 11.53 km stretch will be built by boring into hills and creating passes. Over-bridges and viaducts would make another 100 km. Thus, 80% of the K-Rail path will drive a wedge across the state.

Kerala's sensitive geography comprising rivers, hills, wetlands and paddy fields has to be approached with care while implementing any project involving large-scale constructions. The government itself has said that the embankments and bridges for K-Rail will hinder natural drainage and the free flow of water. This will lead to increased incidence of landslides and cavings-in. According to the Environment Impact Assessment report, as many as 164 spots along the proposed K-Rail path are hydrologically sensitive. The study recommends limiting embankments in such places. But the government is conveniently ignoring all such scientific reports.

Out of the 529 km rail corridor, the tracks will be laid over raised embankments for 292.73 km. Similarly, 88.41 km of the tracks will be over concrete pillars while the bridges add up to 12.99 km. Just think, from where are they going to get such a huge volume of sand, gravel and crushed rock? The answer itself will point to large-scale destruction of the environment.

Government on borrowing spree despite being neck-deep in debt: The estimated project cost is ₹63,941 crore, as per the DPR, while NITI Aayog says it might cost ₹1.24 lakh crore when it nears completion in 2025. We will go by the DPR itself to make further analysis. According to the government, the Centre or the Railways will provide 10% of the total project cost. The state will bear 30% while the private equity participation will contribute 7%. The remaining 53% will come from external debt and internal borrowings. The 30% cost to be borne by the state government will translate to ₹19,676 crore. But in the changed scenario, the state's liability regarding the project doesn't end there. The Centre has asked it to stand guarantee for the foreign loan. That means, it has to stand guarantee for a whopping ₹33,700 crore.

> The CPM has been vehemently opposing the ambitious Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project, which has many similarities to the SilverLine project. The same party in Kerala took a stand that it would implement the K-rail project, come what may, thus exposing the party's double standards

This clearly is beyond its means, given its pathetic financial condition. Those at the helm of affairs could have at least sought the opinion of former finance minister Dr Thomas Isaac, during whose term the public debt had more than doubled from ₹1.5 lakh crore to ₹3.10 lakh crore. That could have helped the Pinarayi government have a vague idea of the extent of the financial crisis the state is battling now.

Now, consider a situation where the state government decides to stand guarantee for the assistance from foreign lending bodies. Even then, it has to first resolve various technical complexities. The government cannot give guarantees aggregating to an amount exceeding 5% of the GDP in any financial year. The only option before it is to amend the existing law dealing with the same. For that, the Centre should first give its approval to the project.

The CPM double standard: The CPM has been vehemently opposing the ambitious Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project, which has many similarities to the SilverLine project. The same party in Kerala took a stand that it would implement the K-rail project, come what may. When this double-standard got exposed before the masses, its state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan made a meek attempt to defend the party. He claimed that the party opposed the first project as the people were given less compensation for their land. However, it took little time for this argument to fall flat. Ashok Dhawale, CPM central committee member, exposed the double standard in an interview given to a prominent Malayalam channel. "We're opposing the forceful acquisition of the land belonging to farmers. They should implement no project without taking the public into confidence and their support. We won't allow anything that would adversely affect the environment. We won't hand over the land of farmers at any cost," he said.

The K-Rail project will turn out to be a bitter pill for the CPM to swallow in the days to come. Like what the people of West Bengal did earlier, the masses of Kerala are writing a requiem for the party each passing day.

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End to Imran's innings

The dramatic developments in Pakistan finally came to a close with Prime Minister Imran Khan having been voted out. His last-ditch efforts to avoid the motion of no confidence did not fructify despite the speaker and his deputy stepping down in an effort to delay the inevitable. The Supreme Court got tough and was prepared to face any eventuality. Luckily, it seemed the Army chief was also not against this development.

S V Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

Against national integrity

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement a couple of days ago that people of different states should communicate with each other in Hindi instead of English is absurd and seems to be born out of arrogance. There is a large part of our population that is not familiar with any language other than the mother tongue. Therefore, any attempt to make Hindi our official language will cause serious problems to our national integrity.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Distraction tactic

The home minister's advice to use Hindi is yet another instance of creating controversy out of nowhere. Any attempt to impose Hindi on Southern states will be tooth and nail. The chief ministers of Kerala and Tamil Nadu have already publicly reacted to it. When there are many other serious issues staring at us, this appears to be an attempt to engage people's minds on non-issues like meat, hijab and now language. People should ignore such attempts and focus on the real issues.

Capt Raju Mathai (Retd), Kochi

Key to Pak, Lanka crisis

India's immediate neighbour, Sri Lanka, has been facing a political and economic crisis for over a year due to extreme populism and bad administration. The situation in the island nation is worsening with each passing day. Inflation is at an all-time high. Similarly, in Pakistan, the prime minister has been made to resign. The basis of even this crisis was economic failure. India's role in both these crises is very important. We have invested a lot in Sri Lanka and the administration must ensure it doesn't go in vain. The new prime minister of Pakistan and their attitude towards India will be key to maintaining good relations with its neighbours.

Deba Prasad Nayak, Cuttack

Aid all Sri Lankans

In their mass protest against the ruling Rajapaksa family of Sri Lanka, the Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim people seem to be united, unmindful of class and racial differences. It is therefore proper that any aid from India to that nation should be intended for all Sri Lankans and not just Tamilians.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Derek O'Brien @derekobrienmp
Dear PMO, Amit Shah, another #Parliament session over. Still no Women's Reservation Bill. Mamata walks the talk (see percentage of women MPs)

Sanjay Raut @rautsanjay61
INS Vikrant cheating case: Somaiya father-son is absconding. Both of them are running faster than Milkha Singh. OK. Bhaag Somaiya Bhaag!!

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Disturbing to see Kashmiri youth rounded up on pretext or another. People can be imprisoned but certainly not their ideas & ideologies

India has helped Lanka most, says ex-PM

The only discussions going on with China are regarding the repayment of loans in contrast, says Ranil Wickremansinghe

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

Sri Lankans demand resignation of Gotabaya Rajapaksa outside the president's office in Colombo on Sunday | AP

INDIA is keeping a close watch on the developments in Sri Lanka where the opposition is seeking the ouster of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for leading the country to an unprecedented financial crisis.

In continuing with its efforts to help the neighbouring country, India has dispatched a consignment of food and vegetables for people who are facing unprecedented shortage of essential commodities and services. It has already supplied over 270,000 MT of fuel to Colombo and granted $2.5 billion line of credit. Sri Lanka needs an additional $3 billion funds to remain afloat.

There are reports that the Sri Lankan Parliament is likely to reconvene between April 19 and April 22 for bringing a no-confidence motion against Rajapaksa. "We have called a meeting with all opposition leaders and will take a day a final decision soon," said Sri Lankan opposition leader Sajith Premadasa.

Former prime minister Ranil Wickremansinghe acknowledged the role which India has played for his country. "I think India has helped the most, even in non-financial ways. So we are thankful. No Chinese investments have been done yet. The only discussions going on with China are regarding the repayment of loans," he told a news agency.

Wickremansinghe said during his government's rule there was a surplus on the primary budget and money to pay debts. The present government is responsible for the economic crisis, he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already assured Sri Lankan Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksha that New Delhi would stand with Colombo as it occupies a central role in the 'neighbourhood first policy'.

Sri Lanka is also facing a shortage of foreign exchange which has limited its imports of essentials.

In February, the neighbouring country was left with only $2.31 billion in reserves. It faces debt payments of $4 billion in 2022. The outstanding dues include a $1 billion International Sovereign Bond (ISB) maturing in July. ISB make up the largest share of Sri Lanka's $12.55 billion foreign debt. The IMF is expected to initiate a loan to Sri Lanka during the course of this week.

POWER GAMES

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TIT FOR TAT

MALIK'S CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS BACKFIRE

Meghalaya Governor Satyapal Malik's outspokenness seems to have landed him in trouble. He had made sensational allegations of corruption at a public meeting in Haryana. The governor had claimed that during his tenure as Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, two files were presented to him for clearance. He was informed by officers that a bribe of ₹150 crore would be paid for each file on approval. He said one of the files was being pushed by a person connected with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the other by a top industrial house. The CBI has now been asked to investigate his allegations. Sources say the CBI probe may not remain confined to his allegations alone. The agency is likely to look into other allegations of corruption in J&K which may send the CBI knocking on Malik's doors. Realising that his headline hogging statements have backfired, Malik is now threatening to spill more beans saying "ye agar keechad mein patthar marenge, to unke bhi kapde gande honge (if you throw stone on dirty water, you'll get soiled too)". He said there are many more things apart from the two deals he has mentioned. Malik said many people would land in trouble if he spoke out. He said he is no sitting duck, and people should not be under the wrong impression that they can get away after attacking him. He should be left alone, he said. Looks like the Satpal Malik Vs Modi government story has just begun. There's much more to come. Keep watching this column.

INDIA-AUS TRADE

ADANI AMONG BIGGEST BENEFICIARIES

The trade deal signed between India and Australia last week has brought cheer to a wide range of Indian exporters. The deal would provide zero-duty access to more than 96% of Indian exports. The biggest benefit of the deal on the India side would, however, go to the Adani Group. As part of the agreement, India has lowered duty on import of almost 70% of goods, including coal. Duty on coal has been reduced to zero. Coal constitutes two-thirds of Indian imports from Australia. After braving years of opposition from environmental activists, the Adani Group is ready to export coal from its Carmichael mine in Queensland, Australia. The company has also built a rail track to carry coal to the seaport, which was bought and rebuilt by Adani, to ship the coal abroad. The trade deal, Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, aims to double trade between the two countries from the present level of US$ 27 billion to US$ 50 billion in the next five years. To reach this target, India would need to import a lot of coal from Australia. That's more good news for the Adani Group.

APPEASEMENT POLITICS

KEJRIWAL'S DALIT TROUBLE IN PUNJAB

After the Aam Aadmi Party won Punjab, the picture of Mahatma Gandhi went missing from government offices in the state and that of Bhagat Singh made an appearance. One photo that remained on the walls was of B R Ambedkar. AAP chief and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has been careful not to annoy the Scheduled Castes as Punjab has the largest population of SCs among all states. In Delhi too, his government has been hosting special screening of a play on Ambedkar to keep the community engaged. Some AAP functionaries have, however, expressed concern over Delhi chief minister paying "mere lip service to the Dalit cause". They point out that Kejriwal had promised to give Punjab an SC deputy chief minister which did not happen. There was no member from the community among the five members he sent to Rajya Sabha from Punjab. There is no SC in his party's top leadership. The AAP functionary said Kejriwal misses no opportunity to publicly pay respect to Babasaheb, "but he needs to match his words with action if he wishes to enjoy continued support of the community".

Indigenous push gets flight via Pinaka

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

The Pinaka has been in sercvice with the Army for about a decade | DEFENCE MINISTRY

THE successful completion of the flight trials of the new Pinaka Mk-I (Enhanced) rocket system (EPRS) and Pinaka Area Denial Munition (ADM) rocket system on Saturday marks a step forward in the government's multi-pronged strategy to manufacture arms and ammunition indigenously by domestic players.

"With these trials, the initial phase of technology absorption of EPRS by the industry has successfully been completed and the industry partners are ready for user trials/series production of the rocket system," the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said in a statement.

An upgraded version of the Pinaka variant which is in service with the Army, the EPRS boasts of advanced technologies enhancing its range to meet the emerging requirements.

The rockets based on advanced technologies were tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Army at Pokhran firing ranges.

A total of 24 EPRS rockets were fired for different ranges during the last fortnight. Required accuracy and consistency were achieved in the trials.

As per the MoD, the technology was transferred from DRDO to Munitions India Limited (MIL) and Economic Explosives Limited Nagpur. Rockets manufactured by MIL under Transfer of Technology from DRDO were flight tested during this campaign

On Friday, the ministry decided that 25% of the domestic capital procurement/acquisition Budget, amounting to ₹ 21,149.47 crore, would be utilised for domestic private players in the ongoing fiscal.

Earlier, the MoD had decided to earmark 68% of the capital procurement budget for the entire domestic industry during Financial Year 2022-23.

Accordingly, an amount of ₹84,597.89 crore was allocated specifically for the domestic industry for this fiscal.

Covid is still here, be wary of the virus: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said on a note of caution that Covid-19 has not gone away completely and people cannot afford to lower guard. He said that the virus keeps resurfacing, and urged people to remain careful in the battle against the pandemic.

"Nobody knows when the '*bahurupiya*' (chameleon that changes form) Covid-19 will resurface," Modi said, adding that administering nearly 185 crore doses of vaccines to control its spread was possible due to public support.

He was addressing via video conferencing the Mahapatotsav programme of Maa Umiya Dham at Vanthali in Gujarat's Junagadh district, as part of the 14th foundation day celebration of the temple of Maa Umiya, considered as the deity of Kadva Patidar community.

"The Corona pandemic was a big crisis, and we are not saying that the crisis is over. It may have taken a pause, but we never know when it will resurface. It is a '*bahurupiya*' disease. To stop this, nearly 185 crore doses (of vaccines) were administered, which surprised the world," he said.

The country has already reported two cases of the XE variant of Omicron. Other than that, five states and UTs have been told to be on alert

PROBE FINDINGS

Recce done before targeting Pawar's house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

INITIAL investigation has revealed that the protesters, who had targeted the residence of NCP chief Sharad Pawar, had done a recce four days before launching the attack on Friday.

NCP minister Jitendra Ahwad said that the attack was a pre-planned conspiracy by the miscreants. "They had planned the attack. The probe reveals that everything was planned by the protesters. It shows that they had some intention to harm the NCP chief, but it was averted due to prompt response of the police," the NCP minister said.

A source in the police said that the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) employees who were protesting at Azad Maidan left the ground one after another and not in masses. "That did not give hint to police that the protesters had planned something big against the NCP chief. But the police had asked the Gavdevi Police station to remain alert and keep a watch," said the source.

The protesters at Azad Maidan did not arrive at Silver Oak in one go, he added.

"Some of them came in taxis while others in private vehicles and later gathered and started hurling stones and footwear at NCP chief Sharad Pawar's residence."

Focus on your party first: Maya to Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

IN a strong rebuff to Rahul Gandhi's claims that his party had approached BSP for alliance in Uttar Pradesh, BSP chief **Mayawati** on Sunday advised the former Congress president to put his own house in order first, before preaching to others.

Refuting the claims of Rahul outrightly, Mayawati said his remarks were just manifestation of Congress' inferiority complex, casteist mindset and hatred for the deprived and downtrodden along with the BSP. "Before making any reference to my party, Rahul Gandhi should throw a glance at his own house which is in disarray. The BJP is taking advantage of that (weakness)," Mayawati told media persons.

She accused the Congress of denying reservation to people from the scheduled castes and diverting funds meant for the socially oppressed classes to other purposes.

The BSP chief charged the Congress with trying every trick up its sleeves to weaken the movement started by BR Ambedkar and BSP founder Kanshi Ram for the downtrodden and the deprived. She reminded Rahul that his father Rajiv Gandhi had gone to the extent of calling Kanshi Ram 'a CIA agent'. "He (Rahul) has only been following his father's footsteps by accusing BSP of having a tacit understanding with the BJP."

POLLS

Jai Ram Thakur will remain Himachal CM, says Nadda

SHIMLA: BJP president J P Nadda on Sunday said the party won't replace Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and upcoming state Assembly polls will be contested under his leadership.

Nadda made the statement when asked about Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia's claim that Union minister Anurag Thakur will replace Jai Ram Thakur as the state CM.

Jai Ram Thakur is doing work and he will continue with it in future, Nadda told reporters.

He will not be replaced and the BJP will contest the Assembly elections under his leadership, he added.

To another question, Nadda said none of the state ministers will be changed. He, however, said 10 to 15 per cent of sitting BJP MLAs may not get ticket in the elections. Ten to 15 per cent BJP MLAs did not get ticket in the UP Assembly elections and it is likely to happen here too, he added.

Nadda also exuded confidence that the BJP will emerge as one of the main political parties in Punjab.

He said the BJP used to contest only 23 of 117 seats in Punjab but in the recent elections, it contested on 68 seats as a senior alliance partner. *Agencies*

Our borders are safe because of BSF valour: Shah

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

Union Home Minister Amit Shah interacts with BSF jawans in Banaskantha | PTI

> **The BSF holds several medals and carries with it stories of supreme sacrifice. The entire country takes pride in the bravery shown by the force and its personnel** — Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

THE BSF's sacrifice and dedication to its border guarding duties are unmatched and its tale of valour will be remembered by generations, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday.

No other border guarding force in the world faces hostile conditions like the BSF whose personnel are vigilant along the 6,385 km long border of the country, Shah said while inaugurating the India-Pakistan border viewing point in Nada bet in Gujarat's Banaskantha district.

"Border guarding is a very difficult job. BSF personnel do it in conditions ranging from sand storms, scorching heat to extreme cold. Ever since Narendra Modi became the prime minister, efforts are being made systematically to take the country to the highest position in every field. This effort will be successful because the Border Security Force guards our borders, providing impenetrable security as well as ensuring development wherever possible," he added

Shah said that the Gujarat government has spent ₹125 crore on the Seemadarshan program in Nadabet.

"Children should imbibe the feeling of respect for our border guarding force as a rite of passage. They should also decide on ways to contribute to the security of the country after witnessing the heroics of the BSF jawans here," Shah added.

Unless a person visits and sees for himself the multifaceted Seemadarshan project, he will not be able to understand it properly. "Only when you visit Nadabet and go to the border, you will know under what difficult conditions our security force works. It will instill a feeling of patriotism among children," the home minister said.

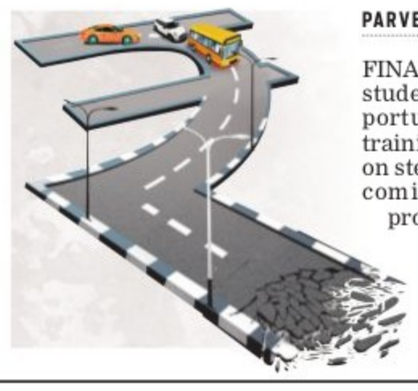
Raised in 1965, the Border Security Force (BSF) looks after India's border with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

EXPRESS READ

Two Lashkar terrorists gunned down in Kashmir

Srinagar: Two Pakistani Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists involved in the recent attack on the CRPF in the city were killed, while three security force personnel injured in an encounter on Sunday. IG, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the police was tracking both the Pakistani terrorists from the day of the attack on the CRPF on April 4. The injured personnel are recuperating, he added.

CIVIL ENGG STUDENTS TO GET TRAINING IN INFRA PROJECTS



PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

FINAL-YEAR civil engineering students will now get the opportunity to have on-the-job training, as the Centre focuses on stemming functional shortcomings in infrastructure projects carried out by government agencies.

Under the internship programme, B Tech/ M Tech civil engineering students of IITs, NITs and government engineering colleges will work with consultants and contractors handling highways, bridges or tunneling projects of the NHAI and other agencies.

As per the proposal, around 100 students will be accommodated as interns in the beginning but the number will be reviewed after a year.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) came out with this programme as it was felt that engineers, having no previous experience, are often found wanting in planning, design and construction skills that lead to functional shortcomings in various projects. This aspect was considered apart from the other usual issues such as quality of construction materials which are often under scanner in mega projects.

In its circular issued on Thursday last, the ministry said the civil engineering students will be getting a first-hand account of work in projects involving construction of innovative bridges, tunnels and viaducts/elevated sections that are being implemented through different agencies.

Stressing upon internship for engineers being involved in highway projects, the ministry observed that competency of engineers is a very critical requirement for desired outcomes in terms of strength, durability, service ability and sustainability.

Instructions were also given to the contractors and consultants undertaking national highway projects costing more than ₹200 crore to ensure that minimum 20 per cent of their fresh engineer recruits successfully complete the internship in the projects, the road transport and highways ministry said.

LANDSLIDE IN ASSAM

A construction worker was killed in a landslide in Dima Hasao district of Assam on Sunday, officials said. The worker was engaged at a construction site where a massive landslide happened around 12 pm

3 DEATHS — ELEPHANT ATTACKS IN CHHATTISGARH ON SUNDAY

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	26	Mumbai	35	25
Bhopal	43	23	Panaji	36	27
Jaipur	37	21	Patna	37	24
Amritsar	41	21	Lucknow	39	23
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	35	27	Imphal	31	18
Srinagar	28	10	Chandigarh	40	21

PM tries to woo Patidars ahead of Gujarat polls

Addresses Patidar deity's temple festival, terms the influential community as strong

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

TRYING to win the confidence of the influential Patidars in Gujarat ahead of the Assembly election in the state, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday termed the community "*Panidar* (strong)".

Virtually addressing the 14th foundation day celebrations at Umiya Mata Temple in Junagarh district, the PM was all praise for the Patidars. Umiya Mata is considered the clan deity of Kadva Patidars.

Political pundits feel Modi is trying to ensure the support of the community ahead of the Assembly polls.

"The prime minister never uses words without thinking. Today he has indirectly praised the Patidars by calling them 'Panidars'. It is probably a gesture ahead of the election. Even before this, the entire state cabinet was changed because of the growing resentment of the Patidars, and a person from the community was made the chief minister. In today's speech, Modi praised the CM and sent out an indirect political message to the Patidars," said political analyst Dilip Patel.

Incidently, ahead of the PM's address, Patidar leader and Khodal Dham trustee Naresh Patel visited the temple. Naresh, who is rumoured to be preparing for a political plunge, hinted at a united front of Kadva and Leuva sects in the state. Khodal is the patron deity of Leuva Patidars.

"Ma Umiya Khodal means Kadva and Leuva Patidars. Kadva and Leuva Patidars will now be considered as one, and have decided to unite from now," he told the media.

Naresh's statement is considered indicative since the upcoming state election is likely to see the issue of 'injustice to Patidars' being raked up by the opposition parties as well as community leaders.

Earlier, Patidar leader and working president of Gujarat Congress Hardik Patel had warned the BJP government of launching agitations, if the cases filed during the Patidar agitation were not withdrawn. Sensing trouble, the Gujarat government withdrew 10 such cases. This was an indication that the issue of Patidars would re-emerge anytime before the Assembly elections.

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Maha Vikas Aghadi workers campaign for Kolhapur-North bypoll | TWITTER

Sena is real Hindutva party: Uddhav

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

TRYING to set apart the ideology followed by his party from that of the BJP, Maharashtra Chief Minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday said the saffron party doesn't hold any "patent" on Hindutva.

Virtually campaigning for Congress candidate Jayshree Jadhav in the Kolhapur-North Assembly by-election, Thackeray claimed Sena was the "real Hindutva" party, and the party only broke away from the BJP, not from the Hindutva ideology. "BJP's Hindutva is power-hungry Hindutva. They make alliance with any party for power. In Jammu and Kashmir, they had shared power with Mufti Mohammed Sayed, who supported terrorists. BJP can go to any extent to get power. Therefore, people should not believe in their Hindutva. Balasaheb Thackeray was the Hindu Hurday Samrat and he will remain the Hindu Hruday Samarat. Nowadays, many people tried to copy him but they will not succeed," Thackeray said.

Thackeray appealed to Sena workers and leaders to cast their vote for the Congress candidate in the by-election. Once the word is given, Shiv Sena won't change it like the BJP," the chief minister said.

"BJP gave us a promise of sharing power equally but they changed the word at last moment. Hence, we formed the government with Congress and NCP for the larger interests of Maharashtra. If Amit Shah adores Balasaheb Thackeray, then why he could not fulfil the word of sharing power equally," Thackeray asked.

Attacking the Centre over fuel and LPG price hike, Thackeray said the Centre always boast about giving free ration to people. "Let me tell you, the free ration is not given from the BJP's private account. It is the taxpayers' money."

Colour of party flags talking point in Ch'garh bypoll

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

> **Anyone wearing saffron robes in Chhattisgarh is being suppressed by the Baghel government. It is wiping out the culture of Sanatan Dharam in the state**
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> Shivraj Singh Chouhan

> **The flag of BJP does not have the white colour which symbolises peace, and so, they (BJP) create unrest. Saffron signifies supreme sacrifice. Can the BJP show a single instance of sacrifice?**
>
> Bhupesh Baghel

THE Assembly bypoll in Chhattisgarh's Khairagarh has literally turned 'colourful' after the ruling Congress and opposition BJP started fighting over the hues on their respective party flags.

The poll fight got a new narrative after Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan arrived in the constituency to campaign for the BJP. Drawing a connection between the saffron colour and religious sentiments, Chouhan said anyone wearing saffron robes in Chhattisgarh is being suppressed by the Bhupesh Baghel government. "The Baghel government is wiping out the culture of Sanatan Dharam in the state," Chouhan alleged.

Reacting to Chouhan's statement, Baghel countered it was wrong to link any colour with a religion. The Chhattisgarh CM pointed out that besides saffron, the BJP flag also has green colour. "The MP CM didn't mention it in his speech," Baghel took jibe on Chouhan.

"The flag of BJP does not have white colour which symbolises peace, and so, they (BJP) create unrest. Saffron signifies supreme sacrifice. Our religious seers take on saffron when they renunciate everything in this world. Can the BJP show a single instance of sacrifice made by it? The Congress flag has saffron, followed by white and green, which reflects nature," said Baghel.

The fresh shade to the election campaign has become a talking point in the constituency.

Khairagarh seat, in Rajnandgaon district, fell vacant following the demise of sitting Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (J) MLA Devvrat Singh, the scion of the erstwhile royal family of Khairagarh, in November last year. The regional political outfit was floated by late former CM Ajit Jogi in 2016.

The polling will take place on April 12.

Both Congress and BJP have fielded women OBC leaders. While Congress has given ticket to its Khairagarh block committee chief Yoshoda Verma, the saffron camp is betting on OBC Morcha leader Komal Jangle.

Top Bihar *netas* descend on Bochaha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Patna

TOP political leaders in Bihar made last-minute efforts to woo the voters of Bochaha Assembly constituency, where by-election is scheduled on April 12, as the campaigning came to an end on Sunday evening.

While Chief Minister Nitish Kumar addressed two public meetings in favour of NDA candidate Beby Kumari and highlighted the development works undertaken by his government, RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav campaigned for Amar Paswan.

Making a fervent appeal to voters to exercise their franchise and ensure victory of the NDA candidate, Nitish said he was "seeking their blessings for carrying out more works".

On the other hand, Tejashwi assailed the NDA dispensation for its "failure to check crime, corruption and inflation". "There are no jobs for the youths. They have been forced to migrate to other states for jobs. The situation is alarming," he said.

Former minister and Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani came down heavily on the BJP for making "hollow promises" ahead of elections and "exploiting people" on the pretext of religion. "But now their faces now stand exposed," he asserted. The VIP chief was sacked from the cabinet following his differences with the BJP. The VIP has fielded Geeta Kumari in the seat.

CBI arrests TMC man in Birbhum case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THE CBI on Sunday arrested a Trinamool Congress activist in connection with the Rampurhat massacre which had claimed nine lives.

Samir sheikh was arrested from a nearby pocket of Bogtui village where nine persons, including seven women and a child, were charred to death. In connection with the massacre, the central agency has arrested four persons so far.

Earlier, the state police had arrested 23 persons, including TMC's local block president.

The massacre was said to be in retaliation to the murder of deputy chief of local panchayat Bhadu Sheikh. The CBI is also probing into Bhadu's murder following a direction by the Calcutta High Court. "All the accused in Bhadu's murder and who were behind the carnage are known as TMC activists in the area," said a CBI officer. The sleuths visited Bhadu's house on Sunday and examined the CCTV footage.

PRICE HIKE

Smriti, Congress leader face-off onboard flight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati/New Delhi

PASSENGERS onboard a New Delhi-Guwahati flight on Sunday witnessed a heated argument between Smriti Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, and Netta D'Souza, acting chief of Mahila Congress, over the hike in LPG and fuel prices.

The war of words between the two ensued after the flight touched down at the Assam capital. The Mahila Congress leader questioned the Union minister about the hikes in prices of essential items.

The former also filmed the incident on her phone and later shared it on Twitter.

"Encountered Smriti Iraniji on a Guwahati-bound flight. Listen to her answer on the rising price of LPG. Do watch the video and the truth of the Modi government," the Congress leader tweeted.

Confronted by D'Souza, Irani is heard asking her not to block the passengers who were deboarding. A passenger also wished Irani as part of Bihu while she returned the greeting. To this, D'Souza said "happy Bihu without stoves, without gas". Irani retorted, "Ma'am please don't lie."

The two were seen engaged in the altercation even at the aerobridge. Irani is heard complaining about being accosted by D'Souza.

"Ma'am, you have to let everybody know why the rate of gas is so high... You are a minister. Everybody wants an answer from you," D'Souza said even as Irani began filming her.

"I am answering ma'am," the Union minister said. She countered by saying how the Central government is helping the poor with some schemes. She also spoke about the vaccine doses administered for free by the government.

Communal violence during processions in MP, Guj

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ahmedabad/Bhopal

INCIDENTS of communal violence during Ram Navami processions were reported from Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh on Sunday.

Tension arose after stones were thrown at a procession at Chhaparia village in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat, forcing the police to fire tear gas shells to disperse the mob.

The incident happened when the Ram Navami procession was passing near a temple in the village. Angered over being stoned, the attendees started vandalising vehicles.

Even after the situation was brought under control, another incident of stone-throwing took place between two groups in the evening. A large number of police personnel from other districts and surrounding areas were being called in to control the situation.

Police said they have arrested more than 15 anti-social elements.

Similarly, communal tension gripped several areas of Khargone town of Khargone district and Sendhwa town of Barwani district in Madhya Pradesh, following attacks on Ram Navami processions.

While around eight to ten people were injured in Khargone town, five to seven people were hurt in adjoining Barwani district's Sendhwa town.

Prohibitory orders under section 144 of CrPc have been imposed in entire Khargone town. The first incident happened in a minority community area of Khargone town. Stones were allegedly pelted on the procession by those opposing playing of loud DJ music.

According to unconfirmed reports, a place of worship was vandalised in Khargone.

EXPRESS READ

Cong names Arya Oppn leader in U'khand

Dehradun: The Congress on Sunday named senior party leader Yashpal Arya for the post of leader of opposition in the Uttarakhand Assembly. Arya, Congress MLA from Bajpur, has held cabinet positions in earlier governments. Expressing gratitude, Arya said: "I am thankful to honourable party president Smt Sonia Gandhi, my seniors and colleagues. I will try to do justice as the leader of opposition." ENS

School turned into kitchen for *Katha*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A *Bhagwat Katha* event organised with the support of a minister turned a government primary school into a kitchen in Madhya Pradesh's Shivpuri district, disrupting classes since April 3.

Situated around 37 km from district headquarters, Rathkheda is the native village of local BJP MLA and minister Suresh Yadav Rathkheda, who is a sworn Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist. The *Bhagwat Katha* (rendering of religious texts and stories), conducted by a preacher from Western UP, started on April 3 with the minister's support, marking the renovation of a temple in the village.

Politicians who visited the event, which concluded on Sunday, in the last few days, included Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and state's home minister Narottam Mishra.

Minister Rathkheda denied the allegation. "Who says the school is closed, it is open. The place where the *Katha* is going on is not close to the school, so how can the functioning of school be affected?"

However, Two Class IV girl students of the school said classes have not been running since a tent for cooking was erected in the premises.

Similarly, an anganwadi in the village has been converted in to a make-shift tent for the devotees.

Counselling for cops with psychotic issues

Taking a step further towards protecting incidents of suicide among police personnel due to mental depression, Jharkhand police has prepared a list of 218 police personnel who are currently suffering from one or another kind of psychotic disorders. The list has been prepared after talking to the police personnel personally who are under depression, their colleagues and on the basis of their medical history. According to officials, SPs have been asked to provide all possible help by hearing their problems personally and try to resolve them, be it official or personal. If required, they should also be provided psychological counselling and referred to the higher centres for further guidance.

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RANCHI DIARY

'Back to school' drive to improve attendance

Jharkhand government has launched an extensive 'back to school' campaign aimed at retention of student and enrolment of dropouts, immigrants as well as children not yet admitted. The project will also focus on children with special needs. The month-long campaign was rolled out recently in all of the 30,000-odd state-owned schools (primary, middle and secondary level) the launch saw fun-filled activities lined up for a special 'no-bag day'. The campaign has set an objective of ensuring enrolment and attendance of dropout, non-resident and un-enrolled kids and children with special needs of 5-18 years age group and verifying 100 per cent enrolment as well as attendance.

Device to free visually impaired from walking sticks

A group of undergraduate students in Maoist hotbed of Jharkhand have developed smart glasses for the visually impaired, which would make them free of walking sticks. The device will alert them from the hurdle on their way within the radius of one metre. With little modifications, the device will also enable their family members to know their location with the help of GPS built in. According to a team member, Anshu Rawani, they are making efforts to modify the device to make it portable so that it could be carried easily in their pockets. The trial was conducted with one of the visually impaired professors in their college, who claimed that the device will prove to be a boon for those like him.

DREAMING BIG

This village is pilgrim centre of IIT aspirants

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

'THE village of IITians' in Bihar's Gaya district is humming with activities once again. Situated on the banks of Falgu river, Patwa Toli has turned into a pilgrimage site for IIT aspirants, who jostle with each other to attend free-of-cost classes run by IIT graduates.

On Sunday, a new batch of engineering aspirants attended the induction classes run by 'Vriksh', an organisation set up by IIT graduates from Patwa Toli. The village was earlier famous for being a hub of textile industry. Around 200 students, mostly from poor families, joined the online classes on Sunday.

Last year 16 students from this village had cracked the IIT-JEE and got admission in IITs. "Our preference is to guide those students who can't afford to go outside to prepare for the country's toughest examination," said Chandrakant Pateshwari, founder member of Vriksh.

New batch of engineering aspirants attends class on Sunday

Students from far off villages like Khijarsarai, Bara and Delha, which are affected with Naxal activities, come for classes. Once the classes are over, they visit the nearby library.

"We have set up another library in the premises of Bodh Gaya Mutt with the assistance of district administration. The books and paper notes donated by former students are stored there for IIT aspirants," Pateshwari revealed.

Encouraged with the response from aspirants, the organisation has decided to open such libraries in every panchayat in the district.

So far 300 students from Patwa Toli and its neighbourhood have made it to the IITs in the last two-and-a-half decades. The first student who got selected in IIT was Jitendra Singh, who is now settled in the US. At least 25 families from this village are settled in the US alone after completing engineering courses from IITs, a local resident Alok Kumar said.

The Patwa Toli inhabitants got attracted to IITs way back in 1998-99 when the power looms used for making cloths had to be shut down due to electricity shortage. "With business opportunities shrinking, many families turned to education and it paid high dividends," said a local resident Prem Narayan Patwa. And now, every house in the village has an engineering graduate.

MAY 21

Australian PM Scott Morrison has called for May 21 election. His coalition is seeking a fourth term

GLOBAL WEATHER

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Ukraine digs in to fight Russia's eastern offensive

Experts say a full-scale offensive in the east could start within days | Russian forces shell Kharkiv and keep up their siege of Mariupol

KYIV

UKRAINIAN forces dug in and Russia's military lined up more firepower on Sunday ahead of an expected showdown in eastern Ukraine that could become a decisive period in a war that has flattened cities, killed thousands and isolated Moscow economically and politically.

Experts say a full-scale offensive in the east could start within days, though questions remained about the ability of Russia's depleted and demoralised forces to conquer much ground after Ukraine's defenders repelled their push to capture capital Kyiv.

Britain's Defence Ministry reported on Sunday that Russia's armed forces were trying to compensate for mounting casualties by boosting troop numbers with personnel who had been discharged from service since 2012. Ukraine has the bulk of its military forces in the east: estimates vary, but they are believed to number in the tens of thousands.

Russia-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian forces in eastern Ukraine since 2014 and control parts of the Donbas, a mostly Russian-speaking, industrial region. Since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, its troops have bombarded government-held territory. The anticipated offensive in the east and south could end up excising a vast swath of land from Ukraine.

On Sunday, Russian forces shelled Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, in the northeast and sent reinforcements toward Izyum to the southeast in attempts to break Ukraine's defences, the Ukrainian military command said. The Russians also kept up their siege of Mariupol, a southern port that has been under attack for over a month.

> **Russia's aggression is not intended to be limited to Ukraine alone. Entire European project is a target. That is why it is not just the moral duty of all democracies to support Ukraine's desire for peace. This is, in fact, a strategy of defence for every civilized state**
>
> Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Ukraine President

Russian Defence Ministry spokesman Majore General Igor Konashenkov said Russia's military used air-launched missiles to hit Ukraine's S-300 air defense missile systems in the southern Mykolaiv region and at an air base in Chuhuiv, a city not far from Kharkiv.

Russia's sea-launched cruise missiles also destroyed the headquarters of a Ukrainian military unit stationed farther west in the Dnipro region, Konashenkov said. Neither the Ukrainian nor the Russian military claims could be independently verified.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy appealed for stronger military and political support from the West, including NATO members that have funneled weapons and military equipment to Ukraine since Russia invaded but denied some requests for fear of getting drawn into the war. *AP*

Pope Francis calls for an Easter truce

VATICAN CITY

POPE Francis opened the Holy Week on Sunday with a call for an Easter truce in Ukraine to make room for a negotiated peace, highlighting the need for leaders to 'make some sacrifices for the good of the people.'

Celebrating Palm Sunday Mass before crowds in St Peter's Square for the first time since the pandemic, Pope Francis called for 'weapons to be laid down to begin an Easter truce, not to reload weapons and resume fighting, no! A truce to reach peace through real negotiations.'

Francis did not refer directly to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but the reference was clear, and he has repeatedly denounced the war and the suffering brought to innocent civilians.

Saying that leaders should be willing to make some sacrifices for the good of the people, the pontiff added: "In fact, what a victory would that be, who plants a flag under a pile of rubble?" During his Palm Sunday homily, the pontiff denounced 'the folly of war' that leads people to commit senseless acts of cruelty. "When we resort to violence...we lose sight of why we are in the world and end up committing senseless acts of cruelty. We see this in the folly of war, where Christ is crucified yet another time,' he said. *AP*

Pope Francis greets the faithful as he leaves after celebrating Palm Sunday Mass in St Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday | AP/PTI

Russian forces stole lethal substances from Chernobyl plant, claims Ukraine

Kyiv: Russian forces who occupied the Chernobyl nuclear plant stole radioactive substances from research laboratories that could potentially kill them, Ukraine's State Agency for Managing the Exclusion Zone said on Sunday. Moscow's forces seized the defunct plant on the first day of their invasion on February 24. They retreated after a month, on March 31. The agency said on Facebook that Russian soldiers pillaged two laboratories in the area. It said the Russians entered a storage area of the Ecocentre research base and stole 133 highly radioactive substances. The agency said: "Even a small part of this activity is deadly if handled unprofessionally." AFP

Ukraine probing role of Russian leaders in 5,600 'war crimes'

London: Ukraine is examining the alleged culpability of 500 Russian leaders, including President Vladimir Putin, for thousands of war crimes, Ukrainian prosecutor general Iryna Venediktova said on Sunday. She said there was "full evidence" linking Russian forces to the missile attack on the station at Kramatorsk, in eastern Ukraine, where officials said 52 people were killed. "That's why it will be one of the cases in our big profile," Venediktova said. "You know that now we started 5,600 cases in Ukraine on the above war crimes", involving "500 suspects" from Russia's government and military, she said. "Vladimir Putin is the main war criminal of 21st century," the official said. AFP

Pro-Russia protesters rally in Germany

FRANKFURT

PRO-RUSSIA protesters rallied in Germany on Sunday, with the country's significant Russian-speaking population demanding an end to the discrimination it says it has suffered since war began in Ukraine.

Germany is home to 1.2 million people of Russian origin and 325,000 from Ukraine. Authorities fear the conflict could be imported into Germany and the protests used to promote Moscow's war narrative.

Police have recorded 383 anti-Russian offences and 181 anti-Ukrainian offences since the Kremlin's invasion started on February 24.

Around 600 people descended on financial hub Frankfurt on Sunday amid a sea of Russian flags to protest "against hatred and harassment."

Police threw up a large cordon to separate the protesters -- marching behind a banner that read "Truth and diversity of opinion over PROPAGANDA" -- from a pro-Ukraine counter-demonstration of around 100 people near the city's central banking district.

Approximately 600 demonstrators staged a car convoy in Hanover following an appeal by the Russian-speaking community, the local police said. *AFP*

Tamil party to back Lankan prez ouster

COLOMBO

SRI LANKA'S main Tamil party, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), on Sunday said it is ready to support the Opposition in moving a no-confidence motion against President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and is prepared to impeach him.

Sri Lanka's main Opposition party, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) had on Friday announced that it will move a no-confidence motion against the government as it has failed to take steps to address the concerns of the public facing hardships because of the economic crisis.

"We will be compelled to support the main Opposition party's moves to bring in a vote of no confidence and an impeachment against the President. The government must understand the public demand for the Rajapaksa family to quit," TNA spokesperson MA Sumanthiran said. *PTI*

FREEDOM STRUGGLE BEGINS AGAIN, SAYS OUSTED PAK PM

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S freedom struggle has begun again with the ouster of his government due to a foreign conspiracy, former Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Sunday in his first comments since his unceremonious removal hours earlier.

Despite the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government's hectic efforts to avoid voting on the no-confidence motion against Khan, the joint Opposition succeeded in its month-long efforts to oust him as 174 members of the 342-member National Assembly voted against him in the wee hours of Sunday after a day of high drama.

Khan, 69, became the first premier in the country's history to be sent home after losing the trust of the House.

Khan said in a tweet, "Pakistan became an independent state in 1947; but the freedom struggle begins again today against a foreign conspiracy of regime change. It is always the people of the country who defend their sovereignty & democracy." Khan has been claiming that the Opposition's no-trust motion against him was the result of a 'foreign conspiracy' because of his independent foreign policy. He has named the US as the country behind the conspiracy, a charge bluntly denied by Washington multiple times. *PTI*

'Shehbaz better for China-Pak ties'

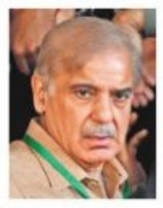
BEIJING

CHINESE official media on Sunday sounded upbeat about the prospects of Shehbaz Sharif becoming the new prime minister following the ouster of Imran Khan, saying all-weather ties between China and Pakistan could be better than under Khan.

A new Pakistan government will be formed most likely under Shehbaz, the younger brother of three-time former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, after Parliament reconvenes on Monday to vote for a new premier, a write up in the state-run Global Times said.

"Chinese and Pakistani analysts consider that the solid China-Pakistan ties will not be affected by the political change in Pakistan as developing the bilateral ties is the joint consensus of all parties and all groups in Pakistan," it said.

China had reservations about Khan as he was a critic of the project while in the opposition though he later became its admirer after becoming PM in 2018. The political change in Pakistan is mainly caused by party struggles and issues with the economy and people's livelihoods, said Qian Feng from the National Strategy Institute at Tsinghua University. *PTI*



Shehbaz Sharif

Imran Khan

EXPRESS READ

2 dead, 10 injured in US nightclub shooting

Cedar Rapids: Gunfire at a Cedar Rapids nightclub left two people dead and 10 wounded early on Sunday, authorities said. Police said the shooting happened shortly before 1.30am at the Taboo Nightclub and Lounge, and that officers who were patrolling downtown were able to respond quickly. The police didn't say whether there was one or more suspected shooters, what might have led to the shooting or whether they had arrested anyone. AP

'The Eagle Has Landed' author Jack Higgins dies

London: British author Jack Higgins, 92, who wrote 'The Eagle Has Landed' and other bestselling thrillers and espionage novels, has died. Publisher HarperCollins said he died at his home on the English Channel island of Jersey surrounded by family. Born Henry Patterson, he wrote nearly 80 books, most under the pseudonym, Jack Higgins.

IN THE COURT OF THE XIII ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S No.26280/2019

BETWEEN: Mr. Akram Pasha ....Plaintiff
AND:
Mr. SHANZADA SHAHZADA WARDI ....Defendant

Summons Issued to defendant by way of paper publication

Mr. SHANZADA SHAHZADA WARDI Aged about 43 years S/o.S.T.Wardi R/at No.12, 5th Cross, V.B.Layout, K.R.Puram Extension, Bengaluru 560036

Whereas the plaintiff has filed the above suit seeking declaration and permanent injunction against you from this Hon'ble Court you are hereby directed to be present before the Hon'ble XIII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge Bangalore (CCH-22) **on 01st June 2022 at 11 am** before the above said court you are hereby required to appear in person or through pleader duly instructed on your behalf on **01st. June 2022 11.a.m** before the above court otherwise the suit will be heard in your absence exparte as per law.

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भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदा द्वारा मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। दिनांक/Dated : 08/04/2022

On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

क्र. सं. / Sl. No.	सिविल कार्यों का नाम / NAME OF THE CIVIL WORK	प्राक्कलित लागत / Estimated Cost ₹(लाखों में) (in Lakhs)	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि / Period of completion	ईएमडी / EMD(₹)
1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-06/ एमडब्ल्यू-01/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-06/MW-01/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के बी.एस.एफ. के पास पंप हाउस का निर्माण और टी.डब्ल्यू.ए.डी. जल सम्प से मुख्य फीडर पाइप लाइन तक डी.आई. पाइप लाइन बिछाना। Construction of Pump house and Laying DI pipe line from TWAD water sump to main feeder pipe line near BSF at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	89.40	06 (छह महीने / Six months)	1,78,800
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-11/ एमडब्ल्यू-02/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-11/MW-02/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के तकनीकी फोटोग्राफी तथा वीडियोग्राफी के लिए भवन का निर्माण। Construction of Building for Technical Photography and Videography facility at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	163.09	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve months)	3,26,200
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-02/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-01/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-02/MI/CPH-01/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में एम 5(i) सबस्टेशन के पास विद्युत केबलों के भंडारण के लिए केबल यार्ड प्रदान करना। Providing cable yard for storing power cables near M5(i) substation at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	8.20	03 (तीन महीने / Three months)	16,400
4	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-05/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-02/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-05/MI/CPH-02/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के प्रेक्षागृह लैंडस्केपिंग के लिए जल आपूर्ति और फाऊंटेन प्रदान करना। Providing water supply & Fountain for Auditorium Landscaping at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	18.00	03 (तीन महीने / Three months)	36,000
5	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-09/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-03/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-09/MI/CPH-03/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में विद्यमान बोरवेल (03, 22, 1655 और क्रायो 03) से आई.एस.पी.-वी. तक विद्यमान जी.आई.पंपिंग मेन्स को डी.आई. पाइप लाइनों में बदलना। Replacing of Existing GI Pumping mains into DI Pipe lines from Existing Borewells (03, 22, 1655 & Cryo 03) to ISP-V at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	24.50	04 (चार महीने / Four months)	49,000

ऑनलाइन निवेदन करने की तिथि : Dates for Online Request : From **11-04-2022 [10:00 बजे/hours]** से To: **18-04-2022 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।

नियत समय व प्रस्तुतीकरण की तिथि : Due Time & Date of Submission : **20-04-2022 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।

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Notice is hereby given that, one **Mr. Shankarappa**, now running the business in the name of M/s.Vaibhavi Steel and Cements, at No.52, Bannerghatta Jigani Road, Jangal Palya, Bengaluru-560083 have taken total loan of Rs.33,00,000=00 (Rupees thirtythree lakhs only) for his business purpose from our client **Mr. N. Rajashekarappa** S/o. Late. Nagabhushanappa, residing at No.28, Near Muneshwara Temple, Chikkanagamangala, Bengaluru-560100 and issued 5 (five) Cheques all are drawn on Canara Bank, Doddakannahally Branch, Bengaluru-560035, and he also handed over the Original Partition deed dated 18-08-1999 entered among himself, his father Mr.Perumaiah and his brothers Mr.Munivenkatappa, Mr.Venkataswamy and Mr.Rajappa with respect to Schedule Property, he offered the Schedule Property as collateral security till the clearance of the said loan amount. Therefore kindly hereby cautioning the general public/s not to deal with Mr.Shankarappa or his family members with respect to Schedule Property, till our client loans are discharged. Hence publishing this notice. If anybody deals with Mr.Shankarappa by way of Sale, Mortgage or Agreement to Sell or any types of encumbrances to defraud our clients claim and charge over the Schedule Property, till its clearing of the said loan amount will be doing at their own risk, cost and consequences and the said transaction/s is/are not binding on our client.

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East by : Property of Shamanna, **West by** : Property of Venkataramana;
North by : Road; **South by** : Lake Yard.

MUNI GOVINDA RAJU ASSOCIATES, Advocates
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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಕೆಲಸದ ವಿವರ	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.
1.	ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಡೇರಿ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಡೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುತ್ತೂರು ಶೀತಲೀಕರಣ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮಂಡೆಪಾಲ ಶೀತಲೀಕರಣ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಸೇವಾ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳ ದ್ವೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ.	30000/-
2.	ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಡೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉಡುಪಿ ಡೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಾಂಗಣದ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಸೇವಾ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳ ದ್ವೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ.	30000/-
3.	Tailor Made Family Floater Group Medi-claim Insurance Policy for the period of one year from 06-06-2022 to 05-06-2023 (221 employees + their dependant families).	1000/-

1. ಟೆಂಡರು ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಆಫ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 06-05-2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
2. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಸಮಯ : 07-05-2022 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10-30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ.
3. ಅರ್ಹ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಸಮಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ನಂತರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ: ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ : 8046010000 OR 8068948777 e-mail to support@eprochelpdesk.com

ಸಹಿ/-
ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
No. 42, First Floor Dasarahalli, Hesaraghata Main Road,
App to Patidar same Choutry, Bangalore - 560073

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice u/s. 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
The following Borrower availed the below mentioned loans from **Repco Home Finance Ltd. Peenya Branch.** The loans of below mentioned borrower (Column No.3) have been secured by the mortgage of properties mentioned in (Column No.5). As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the loan agreement and as the loan become irregular, the loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Repco Home Finance Ltd - Peenya Branch are mentioned in (Column No.4). This amount with further interest & costs on the said amount shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

1	2	3	4	5
No.	Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Sent	Details of secured Assests
1	Peenya Branch, A/C No. 212187000040 6 & 212188000060 3 dated 03-11-2017 & 13-12-2018 for ₹ 26,40,000/- & ₹ 5,00,000/- (out of this ₹ 4,00,000/- disbursed)	**Mr. A. Narasimhamurthy - Borrower** S/o, Ashwathappa, No. 161, 2nd floor, 1st Cross Manjunath Nagar, Nagasandra Post Bengaluru - 560 073 **Also at,** M/s. Amrutha Provision Stores Chanya nayakana Palya Circle, Nagasandra Post, Chikkabidage Kalli, Bengaluru – 560 073 **Also at,** North of 1a, No.19, Doddabidarakallu – Thippenahalli Main Road, Panchamukhi Ganapathi Temple, Yeswanthapura, Hubli, Bangalore North taluk, Bengaluru – 560 073 **Mrs. Nagamani - Co-Borrower** W/o, A. Narasimhamurthy, No. 161, 2nd floor, 1st Cross Manjunath Nagar, Nagasandra Post Bengaluru - 560 073 **Also at,** North of 1a, No.19, Doddabidarakallu – Thippenahalli Main Road, Panchamukhi Ganapathi Temple, Yeswanthapura, Hubli, Bangalore North taluk, Bengaluru – 560 073 **Mr. Durga Prasad. H.S – Guarantor** S/o. Subbe Gowda, No.71/1B, Mysore lamp Layout, CN Palya, Bengaluru North – 560 073 **Also at,** Sri Maruthi Garage & Service Station Channanayakana Palya Circle, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560 073	₹ 28,77,793/- & ₹ 4,40,639/- from 07-03-2022 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of property being situated at Northern Portion of Site No. 19, formed in assessment No.57/1, Khatha No.71, situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahnagara Palike (BBMP) ward no.40 **Measuring: East to West:** 40 Feet **North to South:** 15 Feet **Totally measuring:** 600 Sq.ft, **And Bounded on East by:** 25 Feet Road **West by:** Property No.34, **North by:** Property No.20, **South By:** Southern Portion of Site No.19 Together with House constructed thereon consisting of Ground Floor measuring 450 Square feet first floor 450 Sq.ft. The House is of RCC Roof, Mosaic Flooring, Doors and windows of hone wood with Water, Electricity and Sanitary connections.

For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of publishing of this notice failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13 of the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under Section 13 of the Act inter-alia includes (i) Power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale for realising secured asset, (ii) Take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realise the secured asset, and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Place: **Peenya** (Sd/-)
Date : **07-03-2022** Authorised officer
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Now is time to relook at your tax planning

changes in tax laws, income/expenses and salary structure are reasons you must review your tax plans every year

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AS we enter the new financial year 2022-23, it is time to relook at your tax planning for the year ahead.

The reasons why you should review your tax plans every financial year could be many -- changes in tax laws announced every year in the budget, change in your income/expenses or even in some cases change in salary structure.

Basic strategies

Before we go into changes in tax laws, income/expenses or salary structure, let us first discuss some of the basic tax planning strategies:

Look at the bigger picture: Your tax planning should not be done in isolation. It should be part of your larger financial planning goals. Your tax-saving investments should be in sync with the larger financial portfolio. If your financial portfolio is loaded with debt investments - fixed deposits, Public Provident Funds, debt funds, bonds, etc - then while choosing tax saving instruments, you could opt for equity linked tax saving mutual funds, Unit linked insurance plans (Ulips), etc.

Staggered investments: Invest small amounts every month rather than investing in lump sum once every year. Do opt for regular investment plans - monthly or quarterly - instead of half-yearly or annual investments. If you want to invest ₹1.2 lakh every year in a tax saving instrument, do it through monthly SIPs of ₹10,000 rather than ₹60,000 once in six months or ₹1.2 lakh at one go. This helps in planning your monthly budget better.

Buy insurance for coverage not tax planning: Life and health insurance coverage is a must in any financial portfolio. Their primary role is to provide financial support against any untoward events in your life - death, accident or medical emergencies. The amount of premium you pay every year on insurance products, therefore, should be based on the need of the insurance coverage and not the shortfall in Section 80 C or Section 80 D targets.

Claim the expenses: There are many routine expenses such as expenses on education, healthcare, home loan principal repayment and interest payments on home or education loans, etc which qualify for deductions under different provisions of the Income Tax Act. A substantial chunk of your annual earnings can be saved by claiming these expenses as tax-deductible.

MAJOR INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS AVAILABLE

Investments/expenses	Maximum deductions (₹)
Contribution to EPF, NPS, small savings schemes, life insurance, tax savings MFs, tuition fee and home loan principal repayment	₹1.5 lakh
Additional contribution to NPS	₹50,000
Health Insurance	1) ₹25,000 for self and family; 2) ₹25,000 for parents if below 60 yrs or ₹50,000 if above 60 yrs
Expenditure incurred on medical treatment (including nursing), training and rehabilitation of a disabled dependent	1) ₹75,000 if the diablility is less than 80%; 2) ₹1.25 lakh if the disability is severe (more than 80%)
Deduction for expenditure on self or dependent relative for medical treatment in case of certain diseases	₹40,000 in case of individuals who are below 60; ₹1 lakh in case of senior citizens
Deduction for expenses on persons suffering from physical disability	₹80,000 in case of non-severe disbaility; ₹1.25 lakh in case of severe disbility
Interest on home loan	up to ₹2 lakh
Interest on Education loan	No limit

Change in salary structure

Usually, your annual hikes or salary revisions come into force from 1 April of every year (even in case of late appraisals, the change comes into effect retrospectively from 1 April). You should be able to understand the tax repercussions of these changes. If a salary hike results in you getting into a higher tax bracket, you must calculate how much extra tax you have to pay, and if there are expenses or investment options that you can use to minimise the tax effect. For example, if you have already exhausted ₹1.5 lakh annual tax investment options, one can still get an additional deduction of ₹50,000 under NPS.

"Investments made in NPS (Tier 1) do qualify for deduction under Section 80CCD(1) and Section 80CCD(1B). Deduction under Section 80CCD(1) is in aggregate with section 80C. However, you can claim an additional deduction of ₹50,000 under 80CCD(1B) by investing in NPS Tier 1," says Sandeep Sehgal, Partner-Tax, AKM Global, a tax and consulting firm.

You may have to assess the tax implications of salary changes. For example, some organisations hire you as consultants, and pay you a fee for services rendered. Typically, this system allows you to lessen the tax liability by allowing you to deduct several expenses from your taxable income.

A consultant can claim expenses like telephone and internet cost, fuel cost, vehicle insurance cost, salary paid to driver, and even cost newspaper and periodicals.

Changes in tax laws

Interest earned on excess contributions made in Employee Provident Fund (EPF) over ₹2.5 lakh a year for non-government employees and over ₹5 lakh for government employees would be taxed from 1 April 2022. One can limit one's EPF contribution to ₹2.5 lakh a year and invest in some other options. "The individual taxpayer can now make a conscious decision to invest in such other options like mutual funds or shares which are chargeable to tax at less rate of tax as compared to interest income," says Saurrav Sood, practice leader (International tax), SW India, a tax advisory firm.

MONEY-WISE

MEETING FINANCIAL GOALS WITHOUT COMPARISON

WHEN you do something you wish to compare yourself to others. So when you start studying your parents tell you how well the neighbour's children are studying. This may or may not be good, but this becomes a habit for us.

However, we compare ourselves ONLY with people we know. In life we are allowed to choose our benchmarks. We are rarely told "don't compare". Rarely do parents discourage comparisons. So when our neighbour buys a bigger, better car, it may make us 'competitive'. However, if somebody far richer than us - say a Virat Kohli or Deepika Padukone buys a ₹2 crore car, it does not impact us. We do not wish to compare with them.

When we start investing, we make ourselves miserable by comparing ourselves to the Index (how does it matter?) or to some experts like Naren Sankaran or Srinivas Ravuri -both successful fund managers. They have far more education (perhaps), training (surely) and experience (of course) and they have a huge team and resources with which to do their job. Also it is their full-time job and they are perhaps the best in the field. If you are a young trader or a senior citizen investing in equity markets to combat inflation, why do you need an external benchmark like the Nifty or the Sensex? Or a fund manager whom you do not know? Why would you want to make yourself miserable that you got only 14% p.a. but the benchmark was at 15%? Does it really matter to anybody? Are you trying to raise money in an NFO?

This brings us to what Warren Buffett says - there are two ways to compare our deeds and results. One is to compare it to your own standards (internal) or with outsiders (External).

When we manage our own money, there is no need to use a benchmark at all. If you can manage your money to meet your own Goals, be happy. Also remember that everyone has a view, but only few people have a microphone. Also success is spoken about far more and loudly compared to failure. If you see the photos that people put on social media, you do not know about the hundreds of photos that we destroy! We are all selective in what we show to the outside world.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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You need to see where you started and what success parameters you were chasing. That is a much better question to ask - rather than to see how the best fund managers are doing. Did you panic in 2009? What did you learn from that panic? Did you use that learning to buy more in March 2020? Or did you at least sit still without doing anything? Did you learn?

When you are cooking food for your family, does it matter that there are many people who can cut vegetables much faster than you do? When you play cricket on a Sunday morning with the neighbours do you compare yourself to Virat Kohli?

Likewise, enjoy your investing, especially if you can meet your goals and be happy.

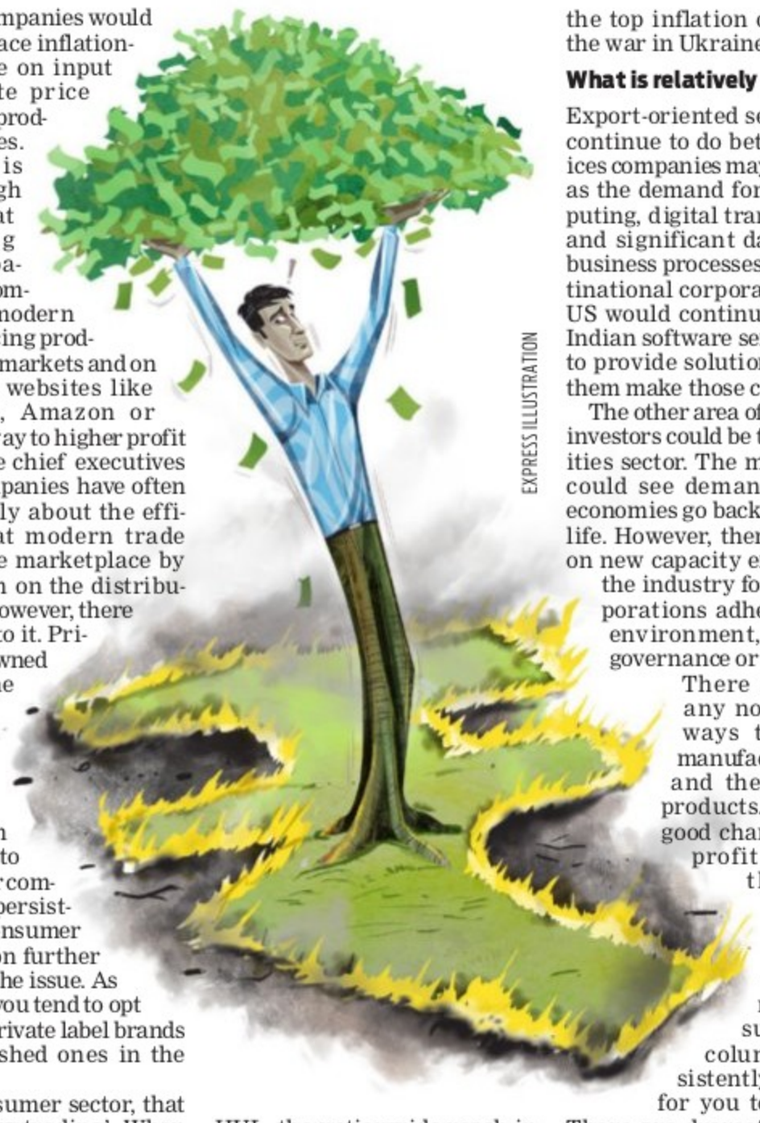
HOW INFLATION AFFECTS YOUR 'DEFENSIVE' INVESTMENTS

RAJAS KELKAR

WORDS like 'inflation' and 'prices' figured over 300 times in the recently-released Monetary Policy Report of the Reserve Bank of India. The monetary policy committee left key borrowing rates unchanged but has decided to go slow on the 'accommodative' credit policy stance. Jamie Dimon, the chief executive officer at JP Morgan, the world's biggest bank with a balance sheet size of $3.7 trillion (bigger than India's GDP), wrote to shareholders that America has to raise interest rates and shift to 'quantitative tightening. The US markets had not seen a positive day since 4 April 2022, when the letter was published.

India cannot stay immune to the inflation in the Euro area and the United States. However, finding sectors resistant to the external environment is not easy. In January 2022, this column spoke about the fast-moving consumer companies as one sector to find relief. The historical track record of consumer companies like Hindustan Unilever, Britannia, Godrej Soaps and others suggests that they can manage inflation better by passing on the higher input costs to consumers. That way, they have maintained their profit margins. However, consumer goods companies have underperformed the benchmark indices since 2022. Shares of Hindustan Unilever, Britannia shed nearly a tenth of their value since the start of the year.

The market signal suggests the traditional 'bell-weather' companies are likely to struggle to maintain profits. There is already a lot of analysis that consumer companies would continue to face inflationary pressure on input costs despite price hikes across product categories. However, it is not just high inflation that is hurting these companies. Most companies see 'modern trade' or placing products in supermarkets and on e-commerce websites like Big Basket, Amazon or Blinkit as a way to higher profit margins. The chief executives of these companies have often spoken highly about the efficiencies that modern trade brings to the marketplace by cutting down on the distribution chain. However, there is a flip side to it. Private labels, owned mainly by the same e-commerce or big retail companies, are giving tough competition to the consumer companies. The persistently high consumer price Inflation further complicates the issue. As a consumer, you tend to opt for cheaper private label brands over established ones in the market.



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In the consumer sector, that is called 'downtrading'. When prices rise, most of us choose to save money.

For Hindustan Unilever, that challenge is not new. In the past, many regional brands have challenged the company in multiple product categories. However, the company could take them on the back of a robust distribution strength. For HUL, the nationwide reach in every district of the country was always a competitive strength. Modern trade does not keep distribution unique to HUL anymore. The surge in the number of private labels from retailers shows their popularity. It is a significant challenge for consumer companies ahead even when we are through with the top inflation concerns or the war in Ukraine.

What is relatively safer then?

Export-oriented sectors could continue to do better. IT services companies may find favour as the demand for cloud computing, digital transformation and significant data changes business processes. Large multinational corporations in the US would continue to rely on Indian software services firms to provide solutions that help them make those changes.

The other area of interest for investors could be the commodities sector. The metals sector could see demand rising as economies go back to everyday life. However, there are curbs on new capacity expansion in the industry following corporations adhering to the environment, social and governance or ESG norms. There are hardly any non-polluting ways to mine or manufacture metals and their finished products. There is a good chance that the profit growth in the sector could stay elevated.

Your investments need your support. This column has consistently advocated for you to be aware. There are dramatic shifts in previously understood concepts of 'defensive' stocks. Companies have to step back and figure out places where they can maintain competitive advantages. You need to do that regularly with your investments too.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹239.40

Target Price ₹270

BEL

BEL is looking to replicate its strong capabilities in manufacturing and R&D in the Defense space in newer segments over the next few years. BEL had a robust order backlog of ₹566b as of 3QFY22-end, translating into an OB/revenue ratio of 3.6x. The management has guided at an EBITDA margin of 22% for FY22. We forecast a revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 11%/10%/13% over FY21-24E.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Equity MFs see net inflow of ₹1.64 lakh cr in FY22

NEW DELHI: Strong SIP book and lower returns from traditional investments made equity mutual funds an attractive investment destination for investors with equity-oriented funds receiving a staggering net inflow of ₹1.64 lakh crore in 2021-22. This comes following a net outflow of ₹25,966 crore during 2020-21, data with Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) showed.

Going ahead, we expect the growing inflow trends in equity mutual funds to sustain given the current economic condition and markets, Manish Kothari-CEO and Co-Founder, ZFunds, said.

According to the data, equity mutual funds witnessed a net inflow of ₹1,64,399 crore in the entire 2021-22. This included an all-time high inflow of ₹28,464 crore last month.

Geopolitical tension due to the raging war between Russia and Ukraine and concerns over the surging crude prices triggered a sharp correction in the market towards the end of February and early March. The correction provided investors a good buying opportunity, which they didn't fail to capitalise.

The robust inflow pushed the asset base of equity mutual funds by 38% to ₹13.65 lakh crore at the end of March this year. The equity category has been witnessing consistent net inflows since March 2021, after the second wave of Covid hit India and resulted in the correction in the markets.

"Despite concerns, the growth outlook over the long term has remained strong which maintained positive sentiments among investors. Also, the perception that despite intermittent corrections the markets would continue to surge have prompted many investors to make the most of the dips in the markets and invest," Himanshu Srivastava, who is the Associate Director ' Manager Research at Morningstar India, said. *PTI*

TAX CLARITY

FAQ on crypto, virtual digital assets' taxation in work

NEW DELHI: The government is working on an FAQ on taxation of cryptocurrencies, which will give a nuanced clarification on the applicability of income tax and GST on virtual digital assets, an official said.

The set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), which is being drafted by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), RBI and Revenue Department, would also be vetted by the law ministry, the official added.

"FAQ on taxation of cryptocurrency and virtual digital assets is in works. Although FAQs are for information purposes and do not have legal sanctity, law ministry's opinion is being sought to ensure that there is no loophole," the official told PTI. The DEA, Revenue Department and the Reserve Bank are working to ensure that the taxation aspect is clear both for field tax offices as well as those who deal with cryptocurrencies and other virtual digital assets.

The 2022-23 Budget has brought in clarity with regard to levy of income tax on crypto assets. From April 1, a 30% income tax plus cess and surcharges will be levied on such transactions in the same manner as the tax law treats winnings from horse races or other speculative transactions.

The Budget 2022-23 also proposed a 1% TDS (tax deducted at source) on payments towards virtual currencies beyond ₹10,000 in a year and taxation of such gifts in the hands of the recipient. The threshold limit for TDS would be ₹50,000 a year for specified persons, which includes individuals/HUFs who are required to get their accounts audited under the Income tax Act. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Gold imports surge to $46.14 billion in 2021-22

New Delhi: India's gold imports, which have a bearing on the country's current account deficit (CAD), rose by 33.34% to ₹46.14 billion during the 2021-22 fiscal on account of higher demand, according to official data. Gold imports were worth ₹34.62 billion in 2020-21. The surge in gold imports during the last financial year contributed to the widening of the trade deficit to ₹192.41 billion, against ₹102.62 billion in 2020-21. India is the world's second-biggest gold consumer after China. The imports are driven by the jewellery industry. The gems and jewellery exports during 2021-22 grew by about 50% to about $39 billion.

Start-up funding crosses $10 billion in Q1

New Delhi: THE startup ecosystem has created as many as 14 unicorns in the first three months of 2022, and for the third consecutive quarter, they have received over $10 billion across 334 funding deals, says an industry report. Creation of 14 more unicorns takes the overall tally of startups with over $1 billion valuation in the country to 84 now, according to a PwC India report. This is the third consecutive quarter ending March 2022 when the fund inflows into the domestic start-ups have grossed over $10 billion in fresh funding. The quarter also has seen as many as 14 startups becoming unicorns, the report said.

Big bull, Mutual Funds cut stakes sharply in Escorts

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

BIG bull Rakesh Jhunjhunwala could have completely exited or be holding less than 1% in Escorts during the March quarter even as mutual funds cut their stake to a negligible quantity during the quarter, the latest shareholding data shows.

Jhunjhunwala's name doesn't figure among the public shareholders. As of the preceding quarter, he held 5.68% in Escorts. For an individual shareholder's name to appear as a public shareholder, he or she must hold a percent or over of the equity capital in a listed company.

MFs, who held 8.16% previously, sharply cut their combined stake to just 0.28% during the March quarter, data on BSE shows.

The stake sales come amid an open offer by Japanese tractor giant Kubota which has upped its stake to 55.82%, including shares held in the escrow demat account, in March from 16.39% in the previous quarter through a preferential allotment and open offer aggregating ₹9370 crore. The open offer which concluded last month saw shareholders' subscription of 1.39 times.

The Japanese tractor maker became a joint promoter with the Nanda family after the open offer. Analysts like Sunil Pachisia, director, institutional sales, Pratibhuti Vinihit, believe that with Nanda's holding of 3.7 crore shares (28.1%) and Kubota's 7.36 crore shares aggregating to almost 56%, the free float has reduced and this would keep prices largely stable. "Selling might be seen around ₹1900 plus levels."

Escorts closed at ₹1610 on Friday. Since the open offer announcement on November 18 last year, Escorts share has underperformed the Nifty Auto Index falling by 10.7% against the auto index's 7.26% fall.

The tendering of the shares and sale in the secondary market when the price rose in anticipation of the stake increase by Kubota has caused the correction, say analysts who remain bullish on the medium to long term prospects.

Company's sales and operating profit in Q3

In Q3 of the previous fiscal year (FY22), the company's sales were up almost 19% to ₹1984 crore on a sequential basis, while operating profit grew 26% to ₹265 crore. PAT rose 9% to ₹194 crore sequentially while the operating profit margin rose 0.77% to 13.33%.

Leclerc wins Australian GP, Vestappen fails to finish

A flawless Charles Leclerc led from start to finish to steer his Ferrari to an action-packed win at the Australian Grand Prix on Sunday with world champion Max Verstappen failing to finish. Red Bull's Sergio Perez was second with George Russell an encouraging third for the struggling Mercedes and his seven-time world champion teammate Lewis Hamilton fourth.

BCCI EYES ICC CHAIR, BARCLAY TO STAY FOR NOW

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

NEW ZEALAND'S Gregor Barclay will continue to remain the chair of the International Cricket Council at least till this July. It is understood that at the ICC board meeting held this week in Dubai, members were unanimous in their decision to support Barclay to finish his first two-year term. In all likelihood, Barclay could remain in his office till December as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is seeking the support of other members to have one its own as the next chair keeping the 2023 World Cup in mind, which it is hosting. In other big development, Pakistan Cricket Board's proposal to have a four-nation tournament involving India, England and Australia was rejected by the board.

Barclay getting a chance to complete his term is on the expected lines as most of the members, including the BCCI, were not keen on disturbing the balance at the top. It is understood that the process to elect the next chair could begin after the annual conference in July, with BCCI secretary Jay Shah and Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur being top contenders for the post. While Thakur hasn't been part of the BCCI set up after the Supreme Court removed him as its president in January 2017, he is eligible for the post of the chair on the basis of attending the ICC board meeting in the past. Similarly, secretary Shah and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly are also eligible to run for the post of the chair, but the chances of the latter being nominated by the board appear less.

That BCCI wants one of its own as ICC Chair is no secret as it believes with India hosting the next 50-over WC, an Indian should hold the post. Shashank Manohar was the last Indian to hold the position from 2016 to 2020 before Barclay took the seat. The way things stand Shah stands a good chance of replacing Barclay as he enjoys overall backing of the BCCI members and is also the chairman of the Asian Cricket Council. On Sunday, Shah was also included in the ICC men's cricket committee as a member board representative. Others in the panel include Mahela Jayawardene, Gary Stead, Joel Wilson and Jamie Cox.

Meanwhile, with Covid situation improving, ICC has also decided to bring in neutral match-officials for the Test matches going forward. However, unlike the past where both the on-field umpires were from neutral countries, this time one of them will be from home. The television umpire and referee will be from neutral countries. And based on the chief executive committee's findings that "the performance of home umpires was strong and had not affected games", limited-overs contests will be officiated only by the umpires from host country. The ICC has also confirmed South Africa as the hosts of the inaugural Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup.

TN cagers turn on the heat in final

TN players celebrate with the coach (C) after clinching the title | ASWHIN PRASATH

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

WITH 25 seconds remaining, Amjyot Singh gave up the ghost. Even as the timer counted down the dying embers the Punjab player started congratulating his opponents one by one. As the whistle finally went, Aravind Annadurai hugged his colleagues. At one point in his long career, the survivor of three Anterior Cruciate Ligament surgeries feared that he may never get to live this moment. A fairly sizable Chennai crowd had packed into the Nehru Indoor Stadium and after creating a racket for the majority of the 40-minute contest, they erupted. Crackers went off as graffiti literally rained on Punjab's parade. Tamil Nadu had become the senior national basketball champions by beating the defending champions.

The two current outstanding teams in the Indian basketball ecosystem — Punjab vs Tamil Nadu is the most played final at the senior nationals since the turn of the 21st century — had predictably reached the final, but they are as different as chalk and cheese. Punjab rely on height and the physique of their main players: Princepal Singh, Amjyot and Amritpal Singh (all three of them India internationals). The hosts, however, have the greater speed, their legs are younger and they are more adept at shooting from behind the paint. So the final was essentially going to come down to two factors. Would TN fail to Punjab's physicality or would the latter lose out to the more mobile team? TN coach, CV Sunny also echoed similar sentiments 24 hours before the final.

In the end, Tamil Nadu's pace and the way they finally found their mark from three point range meant they won 87-69. It was a scoreline that didn't flatter the hosts one bit: they had opened up a two-digit lead before the half-way stage and never let that lead slip into single figures. Whenever Punjab threatened — and they didn't do much threatening even though both Amritpal and Amjyot played the entire 40 minutes — TN found a basket or two to relieve the pressure. Most of that credit, at least from an offensive perspective, should go to Aravind Kumar, one of the shortest men in the game. At 6'2", the Chennai native isn't well built. He needs to bulk up, the biceps don't really show but he is blessed with one of the sport's biggest currencies: the ability to jump. On Sunday, he did one of the hardest things for an Indian. Evade the outstretched hands of Amritpal to score. And he did it multiple times.

Karnataka men clinch bronze medal

Karnataka men defeated Indian Railways 96-79 to clinch third place in the competition. KSBBA Secretary and BFI President, K Govindaraj also announced a cash prize of 5 lakh to the men's team for their good show in the nationals while the women's team, which finished fifth, will be handed 1 lakh.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Knightmare for KKR

Shreyas & Co's decision to bowl first backfires as Delhi batters shine to help team post 44-run win

Delhi Capitals' Kuldeep Yadav celebrates after taking a wicket against Kolkata Knight Riders in Mumbai on Sunday | SPORTZPICS

GOMESH S @Chennai

KOLKATA Knight Riders' strength this season have been their pacers picking wickets in powerplay and spinners — Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine — choking the run-rate in middle-overs. Umesh Yadav had bowled 11 overs for 51 runs, taking six wickets in the four games so far. Chakravarthy had operated at 6.43 runs per over while Narine had conceded only 4.75 runs per over. But, as they went up against Delhi Capitals, it seemed like the best of their attack could be playing into the hands of their rivals.

For starters, it was a day game, which meant the pacers had no help whatsoever from the conditions. Then there was Prithvi Shaw, the best batter in the first six overs this season — 76 runs in three innings while striking at 161.7 up until this clash. If all this wasn't enough, they couldn't use spin against David Warner like other left-handers early on. Warner averages 87.28 against spin in the powerplay with a strike rate of 139.81 across 80 innings. It seemed like the battle was lost on match-ups before the contest began.

And that is exactly what happened as Warner and Shaw tore apart the Shreyas Iyer-led side at Brabourne stadium after being put into bat. While the latter took particular liking to Umesh, hitting 20 runs in his first two overs, Warner took care of his Australian counterpart Pat Cummins, welcoming him with back-to-back boundaries. Shaw continued his onslaught, pulling Cummins over square-leg to bring up the 50-run stand in just four overs.

Sticking to their gameplan, Shreyas brought on Chakravarthy next. But, Warner, as expected, was all over the spinner. It took just one delivery for the veteran to deposit Chakaravarthy into the stands. As Delhi were flying at 11.8 runs per over, Shreyas had just one trump card in his pocket — Narine.

But much to Kolkata's misery, the West Indian was up against the two batters, who have dominated whenever they faced him: Shaw (166.66 SR, 0 dismissals) and Warner (average 83, SR 156.6). The duo brought out the reverse-laps and sweeps, taking on one of the best spinners in the league. It felt like Kolkata's worst nightmare came true.

Shreyas had nowhere to go at this point. All that was left in his armour was Andre Russell and Venkatesh Iyer. Delhi kept the momentum going as Shaw brought up his half-century first in 27 balls. He eventually got out to Chakravarthy, but the damage was done as they had cruised to 93 for nil in 8.3 overs. Rishabh Pant wasted no time in settling down, smashing a 14-ball 27. Narine made inroads at the other end, but Warner was going strong, registering his first fifty of the season. Kolkata did manage to take a few wickets against the run of play. At one point, they had pulled things back a bit. Delhi were 167/5 after 17 overs. It seemed like Kolkata still had a chance.

But, as seen in the past, Kolkata's best bowling phase was done and dusted. Their death bowling record is no secret — 11.06 average economy in overs 16-20 this year. And Sunday was no different. By the time Thakur and Patel helped Delhi register the highest total of the season so far 215/5, scoring 48 runs from the last three, the contest was all but over unless Russell pulled off a heist. Delhi managed to prevent that as Kuldeep took a four-fer against his former team, helping them win by 44 runs.

Brief scores: DC 215/5 in 20 ovs (Warner 61, Shaw 51) beat KKR 171 in 19.4 ovs (Shreyas 54; Kuldeep 4/35).

Today's match: Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Gujarat Titans @ Mumbai

HETMYER, CHAHAL STAR FOR RR

MUMBAI: Shimron Hetmyer's 59 and Yuzvendra Chahal's four-wicket haul helped Rajasthan Royals beat Lucknow Super Giants. Batting first, Hetmyer helped team post 165/6. LSG fell short of the target by 3 runs. **Brief Scores:** RR 165/6 in 20 ovs (Hetmyer 59 n.o) bt LSG 162/8 in 20 ovs (De Kock 39, Stoinis 38 n.o; Chahal 4/41).

Man City and Liverpool play out thrilling draw

AGENCIES @ Manchester

MANCHESTER City 2. Liverpool 2.

At the end of 94 minutes(90+4), there was no separating the two titans of Premier League. Coming into the match, just one point separated the two teams (Man City 73; Liverpool 72). With the contest ending in draw, the gap remains the same with seven matches each remaining for both the teams.

On Sunday at the Etihad Stadium, it was Man City who drew first blood through Kevin De Bruyne. The Belgian talisman gave the home side the lead in as early as the fifth minute. Man City were playing at rapid pace and looked dangerous every time they went forward. However, Liverpool responded just minutes later through Diogo Jota. The in-form Portuguese striker scored in the 13th minute. Gabriel Jesus restored City's lead in the 36th minute as City went into the first-half with a one-goal advantage. Liverpool were quick off the blocks in the second-half and found the equaliser for the second time in the match through Sadio Mane. For thereon, the two teams gave their all to find the winner but eventually settled for a point each.

Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne (C) in action against Liverpool on Sunday | AP

Real win, Atletico lose

MADRID: Real Madrid kept Chelsea in mind by resting Luka Modric and Toni Kroos but eased past Getafe 2-0 on Saturday to restore their advantage to 12 points at the top of La Liga.

Jr WC: India women's happy run comes to end

AGENCIES @ Potchefstroom

THE Indian women's hockey team's dream run in the FIH Junior World Cup came to a screeching halt after it suffered a 0-3 defeat to three-time champions, the Netherlands in the semifinals, here on Sunday.

India, whose best finish in the tournament came in the 2013 edition where they finished as bronze medallists, were eying a maiden berth in the summit clash of the event.

The team so far produced high quality hockey to march into the last-four round unbeaten. But it was not to be as the Netherlands scored three goals through Tessa Beetsma (12th minute), Luna Fokke (53rd) and Jip Dicke (54th) to emerge winners and sail into the their fourth consecutive final.

The Indians pressed hard on the Dutch goal in the first quarter and secured as many as three penalty corners but they failed in final execution.

The Netherlands scored against the run of play in the 12th minute through a fantastic field effort from Beetsma, in what has been described as the best goal of the tournament as it involved as many as 20 passes.

After the change of ends, the Dutch completely dominated the proceedings and the Indians were content in playing the waiting game, defending in numbers and just waiting for the opportunity to counter-attack. But both the teams failed in their ploy as the third quarter didn't produce any goals.

The Dutch extended their lead in the 53rd minute through Fokke's reverse hit past India custodian Bichu Devi Kharibam after receiving a brilliant pass from Noor Omrani. A minute later, Netherlands took the game away from India with another field strike through Dicke, who deflected home a Beetsma reverse hit.

EXPRESS READ

Pro League clashes vs Eng cancelled

BHUBANESWAR: The Indian women hockey team's two FIH Pro League matches against England, which were earlier postponed due to Covid-related issues in the English side, have been cancelled, handing the Savita-led side the top position in the standings.

Aditya topper in shooting trials

NEW DELHI: Aditya Singh of Uttarakhand won the men's 10m air rifle T3 trial on third day of the national selection Trial 3 & 4 at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range (DKSSR) here on Sunday. Aditya dominated Tamil Nadu's Sri Karthik Raj in the gold medal match to carve out a 17-9 verdict in his favour.

CENTRAL PWD
Notice Inviting e-Tender

The Executive Engineer (E) (Puducherry), CPWD, Puducherry-06 on behalf of President of India invites online percentage rate bids from specialised agencies having prior experience in execution of similar nature of works, in **two bid system** for execution of the work mentioned below. CPWD enlisted composite category contractors in any class are also eligible to participate provided they satisfy the laid down eligibility criteria for the following work mentioned below,

NIT No.01/EE(E) (Puducherry) / CPWD/ 2022-23.

Name of work: Operation & Maintenance of various Electrical & Mechanical Installations in newly commissioned Bio Safety Level 2 & Bio Safety Level 3 Lab (RVRDL Lab) at JIPMER, Puducherry for a period of 12 months.

Cost: **Rs. 28,28,593/-**, EMD: **Rs. 56,572/-** Time allowed: **12 (Twelve) months.**

Last date and time of online-submission of bids **20.04.2022 up to 15.00 Hrs.** The Bid forms and other details can be obtained from the websites: **https://etender.cpwd.gov.in**

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NO.4, JEEVAN MANGAL, RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALORE-560 025
O.A. No. 623/2021

Between:
Karnataka Gramin Bank, Banashankari Branch, Bengaluru-560 070. ...Applicant
And:
Sri.Pandu G.S and Another ...Defendants

Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to the Defendants.

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.37,40,942=00 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Forty Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Two Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or **on the 17.06.2022 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS THE **30 DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR / ASST. REGISTRAR
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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. A/c.No: 37814628041/13283/603
Name of the Borrower : Shri. Prashanth Polki Reddy
Demand Notice date :13.01.2022
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs.46,66,916/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen only) as on 12.01.2022 with future interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 07.04.2022
Present Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.47,43,824/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four only) as on 29.03.2022 and interest + expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Flat No.306 in 2nd Floor of the building known as Eternity Epic, standing in the name of Shri. P Prashanth Reddy S/o. P Ramalinga Reddy, flat having a super built up area measuring 1120 sq.ft. Flat bounded on East by: Corridor, West by: Setback, North by: Duck & Flat No. 305 and South by: Set Back, with one car parking slot with 314 sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the converted land bearing List No. 19, 21, 22 & 23 having amalgamated Khata No. 229/229/243/74/1,21,19,22,23, situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, land measuring East to West: 120 ft and North to South: 100 feet totally measuring 12000 sq. feet, land bounded on East by: Property of C P Singh, West by: Road & Waheed Rehman Estate, North by: Road and South by: Road.

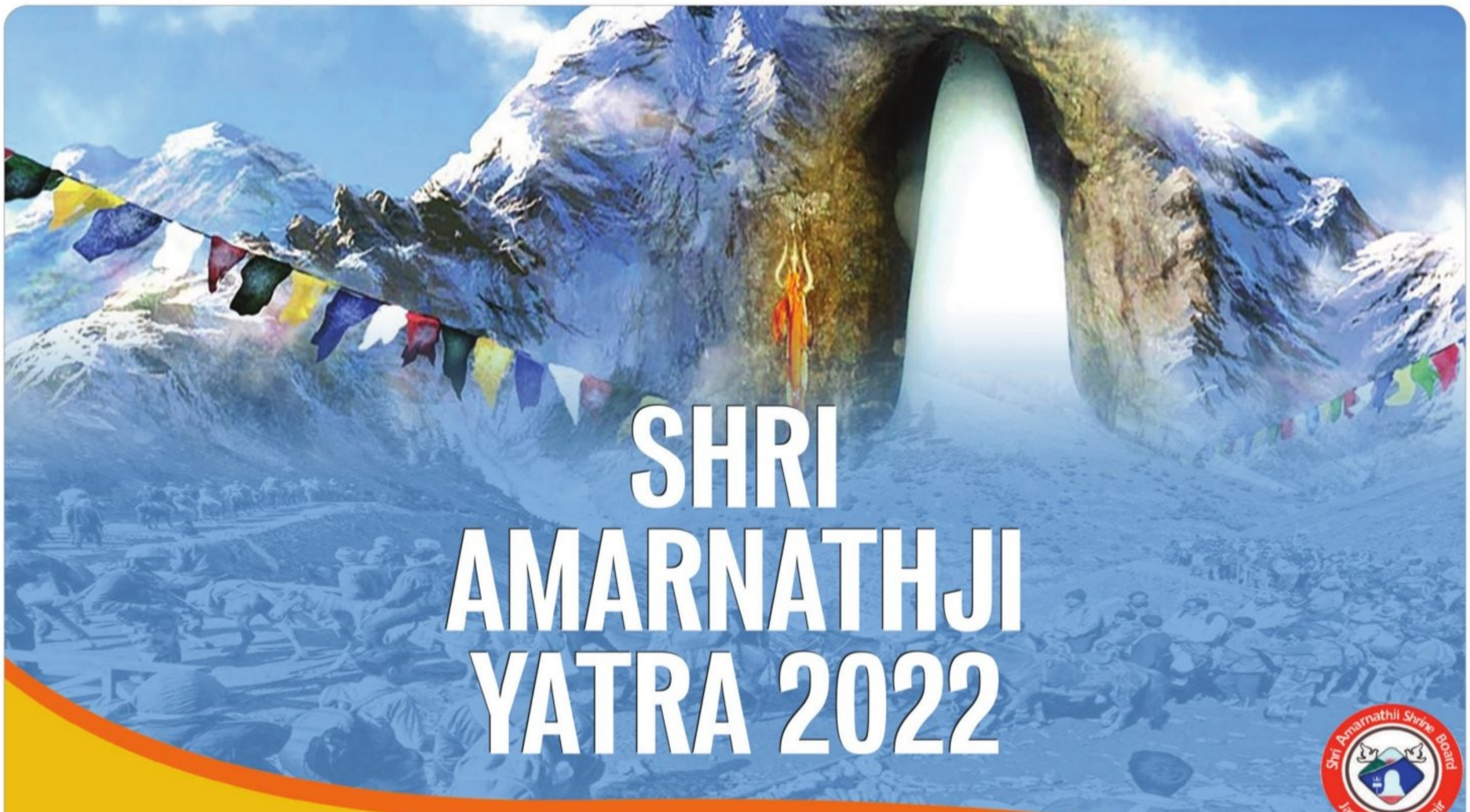
2. A/c.No: 40001787702/40006530160/13283/748
Name of the Borrowers : Shri. M Sathyavel S/o. Late Muthuswamy
Demand Notice date :10.12.2021
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice :Rs.60,90,936/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six only) as on 30.11.2021 with future interest & expenses thereon.
Paper Publication : "The New Indian Express and "Samyuktha Karnataka" on 19.01.2022,
Possession Taken date : 07.04.2022
Present Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.65,15,831/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty One only) as on 29.03.2022 and interest + expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 305, 2nd Floor of the building known as Samtrupti Enclave, standing in the name of Shri. Sathyavel M S/o. Muthuswamy, flat having a super built up area measuring 1200 sqft with one covered car parking slot in the stilt floor with 290 sqft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the converted land sites bearing Nos. 195, 196, 223, 224, bearing BBMP Katha Sl. No. 2561, presently property no. 2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196, situated at Padma Upadyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, formed in Sy. No. 31, 32/1 and 35, duly converted into non-agricultural land as per the conversion certificate No. ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 of Nagdevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, dated: 31.12.1973, measuring East to West 70feet and North to South 120feet totally measuring 8400 sqft presently coming under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru vide amalgamated Katha No. 2561/2047/4/31, 32/1, 35/224, 223,195 & 196 and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 197 & Site No. 222 and South by: Site No. 194 & Site No. 225.

3. A/c.No: 39682597567
Name of the Borrowers : Smt.Radha.K W/o.Gopinath L
Demand Notice date : 14.01.2022
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice :Rs.1,16,46,902/- (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Two only) as on 14.01.2022 with future interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date :07.04.2022
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.1,15,98,557/- (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Seven only) as on 29.03.2022 and interest + expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing No.39, Eswattu No.150200102300122853 formed in Sy.No.8, measuring to an extent of East to West 11.3 Mtrs and North to South : 12 Mtrs, totally measuring 135.6 Sq.Mtrs in the layout known as "Manar Pure Earth", situated at Sarjapura Village, SarjapuraHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bengaluru, standing in the name of Smt.Radha.K and bounded on : East by : Site No.76, West by : Road, North by : Site No.40, South by : Road.

The above mentioend borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned dates.
The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon.
The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
RACPC Lalabagh, Bengaluru

Date : **07.04.2022**
Place: Bengaluru



SHRI AMARNATHJI YATRA 2022

Registration starts from 11th April 2022

Yatra commences from : 30th June 2022 Yatra concludes on : 11th August 2022

☆ **Individuals in the age group of 13 to 75 years and women with less than 6 weeks of pregnancy can register themselves for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2022.**

Registration Fees

- Advance registration through designated Bank Branches - Rs 120/yatri
- Online Registration - Rs 220/yatri
- Group Registration - Rs 220/yatri
- NRI Pilgrims through PNB - Rs 1520/yatri

New Facilities for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2022

- RFID based tracking & surveillance technology for safety of all pilgrims
- Insurance Cover of pilgrims enhanced to Rs 5 lakhs
- New Yatri Niwas of 3000 capacity at Chandarkote, Ramban for facilitating the pilgrims

One can register for Yatra from 11th April, 2022 either through

- Advance Registration through the designated bank branches of Punjab National Bank, SBI, Jammu & Kashmir Bank and YES Bank throughout the country.
- The list of designated bank branches is available on our website www.shriamarnathjishrine.com.

Online Registration

- For online registration, one can visit the website https://jksasb.nic.in. The link is also available on www.shriamarnathjishrine.com.
- The link for Online Registration is also available on SASB's Android Mobile App Shri Amarnathji Yatra available on Google Play Store.

Registration of NRI citizens through PNB

- NRI citizens can register for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2022 by emailing the Compulsory Health Certificate obtained from National Health Services of the concerned country to Senior Manager, IT Department, Punjab National Bank, Circle Office, Jammu at cojkitd@pnb.co.in.

Group Registration

- A group of 5 or more but less than 50 persons can apply for Group Registration through the Group Leader (one of the intending pilgrim of the group) by sending the requisite documents in respect of each member of the Group by registered post to the office of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board.

Manoj Sinha
Lieutenant Governor
Jammu-Kashmir

Toll free No- 18001807198

For more information please visit our website www.shriamarnathjishrine.com

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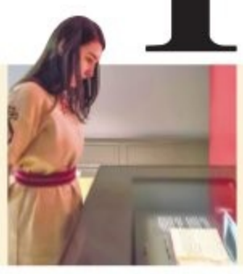
DAY'S DIARY

Exhibition open

On April 11, 2006, an exhibition of Anne Frank's letters, postcards and family notes opened at the Amsterdam Historical Museum

THOUGHTS ON DISPLAY

Frank's diary of life in hiding in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam is well-known, but these letters are said to reveal the holocaust diarist's more intimate thoughts



IN THE LETTERS

One of the letters talks about her friendship with the boy who shared her hiding place (which was disproved of by her father). Most of the letters were sent to her relatives in Switzerland

ANNE FRANK HOUSE

An exhibition, A Room Full of Dreams, can be seen at the Anne Frank House, which centres around the pictures and postcards that she stuck on the walls of her bedroom

KGF 2 to release in 6,000 screens in India

PG 4

Zerodha's co-founder Nithin Kamath, who shared a health initiative for his employees on social media, is now receiving flak with netizens finding the idea of linking body mass index and income bonus to be 'toxic'

WEIGHING IN

HOW IT STARTED

Nithin Kamath, co-founder of Zerodha shared, "We are running a fun health program. Anyone on our team with BMI < 25 gets half a month's salary as bonus. The avg BMI of our team is 25.3 & if we can get to < 24 by Aug, everyone gets another ½ month as a bonus. It'd be fun to compete with other companies. The lowest average BMI or the largest change in average BMI wins. Maybe a health tech company can run the initiative. (sic)"

Nithin Kamath

HOW IT TURNED OUT

After the backlash, Kamath clarified, "We have experimented with a bunch of ideas since Covid & WFH to help the team think about their health. Sitting is the new smoking, & the idea has been to nudge everyone to move. Killing all work chats post 6pm & weekends have probably had the best ROI. Last year we let everyone on the team set health goals & ran a lottery amongst those who met their goals for `10lks. Was successful, but the participation wasn't broad-based. This is just an added bonus over and above all other bonuses & incentives that everyone on the team earns. Just like that ₹10lk prize pool for the lottery we ran last year to pick one person amongst everyone who met their health goals (sic).

MONIKA MONALISA

WOULD you lose weight for a bonus in your salary? Well, if you're an employee of city-based online broking company Zerodha, it might just mean some extra cash at the end of the month. To mark World Health Day recently, co-founder and CEO of the company Nithin Kamath announced that any Zerodha employee with a body mass index (BMI) of less than 25 will get half a month's pay as bonus.

While this initiative may have started from a good place, the idea has backfired with many outraged at linking body weight and salary.

Take, for instance, Sumitra, a Bengaluru-based art historian, who feels it's unfair to incentivise someone's BMI. "I am on the heavier side and have some chronic health issues. But when it comes to fitness, I know I score much better than most because I consistently work out. Now, why is my personal lifestyle linked to my professional work?," wonders Sumitra, adding, "First of all, saying that your BMI is going to give you your bonus, automatically means that you don't want fat people to get bonuses. My basic contention is what does my girth have to do with my performance?"

City-based Chitra Balachandran, who is currently residing in Mumbai, asserts that one should not compare their weight loss journey with anyone else. "The moment you start competing with someone else, it can affect you mentally," she says.

Although the idea has got much flak, Kristian Ebenezer, a fitness coach, says Indians usually have a BMI of under 25.

The moment you start competing with someone else, it can affect you mentally. You should not compare your weight-loss journey with anyone but yourself

Chitra Balachandran, fitness coach

"According to the Indian lifestyle, 25 is the right number," says Ebenezer, adding that if someone's BMI is 45 and wants to bring it down to 25, the duration required is dependent on the kind of exercise, but three months is good enough time.

Several attempts were made to reach Kamath who was unavailable.

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Sumitra, art historian

Strokes of change

Bengaluru-based artist Rachana Mahadimane works on watercolour paintings centred around heritage structures to raise awareness on preservation

SANATH PRASAD

RACHANA Mahadimane spends her early morning on the streets of Bengaluru riding a bicycle. She rides from her home in Jayanagar to Mekhri Circle and back. The morning rides definitely help check-off her fitness goals, but at the same time also assists her in finding subjects for her watercolour paintings. From heritage homes and temples in Basavanagudi to the Raintree bungalow on Sankey road, the morning cycle rides have piqued her interest into the lesser noticeable landmark locations in Bengaluru. Not just Bengaluru, she is now working on a collection called 'Ode to Mysore', a series of watercolour paintings chronicling heritage houses and cityscapes of Mysuru, including S Radhakrishnan's bungalow, Devaraja market, among other places.

The 31-year-old is a trained architect who graduated from the M S Ramaiah School of Architecture. However, she quit architecture in 2015. "Architecture was stressing me out. I had to be on site most of the time, including Sundays, which took a toll on my physical and mental health. That is when I decided to quit and do what I loved the most- travel journaling. I extensively travel with my husband and document my travels in a sketchbook. Travel also fuels most of my artwork and that is when I decided to work on watercolours – which has been part of my life since childhood," says Mahadimane, who also sells her original watercolour artwork on request over Instagram.

Mahadimane picked up plein air painting (the art of painting outdoors) from Bengaluru-based watercolour artist Madhu Kumar over a 10-weekend workshop course. After which her cycle expeditions in Bengaluru in the last two years became a source of inspiration for her creations. "It is very challenging to do plein air painting in Bengaluru because of the bustling crowds. Although sketching heritage and colonial buildings are not difficult, a lot of caretakers at these buildings do not encourage painters to do their work," says Mahadimane, who carries a pocket sketchbook and art palette to do plein air painting.

Some of her works in watercolour paintings include a temple in Basavanagudi, the Gavi Gangadhareshwara temple, Bowring Institute, Venkatappa Art Gallery, Mayo Hall, and also paintings of mundane activities in the city. "Unlike painting with acrylic or oil paints, watercolour is a one-brush stroke, where you cannot undo mistakes. This is what excites me the most. Plein air painting is another character that captures the right light and atmosphere when you are painting live. I spend at least an hour-and-a-half at the spot to finish the painting. This method has instilled a lot of patience in me over the years," says Mahadimane, who is also mulling over the idea of a heritage book documenting lesser-known heritage sites in Bengaluru through watercolour painting. "I grew up around a lot of heritage sites in Mysuru. I want to raise awareness and highlight the importance of preserving such heritage structures through my artwork," adds Mahadimane.

Rachana Mahadimane's watercolour paintings

I want to raise awareness and highlight the importance of preserving heritage structures through my artwork

Rachana Mahadimane, artist

TALKING VEGAN

A visitor checks out a range of fashion accessories at Zero Fest, a vegan lifestyle festival, organised over the weekend at Jayamahal Palace. It was marked by live kitchens, workshops, and other activities | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

CITY READ

Grand flea market in city

The 10-day Souq market at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath is on till April 17. The Souq market comprises over 80 stalls and artisans across the country will exhibit their arts and craft products. On display will be home décor, garden décor, handloom sarees, kurta and jewellery, handicraft, toys and apparel, artwork, furniture, mats and porcelain items. The exhibition, which is open from 11 am to 7 pm, was inaugurated by Miss Globe India Soundarya Gowda and Kannada actor Roopashri.

Government enterprise opens new branch

Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited, a government enterprise, opened a new branch at New Delhi. The branch was inaugurated by Murugesh Nirani, minister for large and medium industries, government of Karnataka. The branch office is situated at premises of World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (WASME), with its head office in Bengaluru.

Hospital organises blood donation camp

To mark the World Health Day, Manipal Hospital Mysuru initiated a mega blood donation campaign in association with Jeevadhara Blood Bank at five locations including Manipal Hospital Mysore, Forum Centre City Mall, MIT College, Manipal City Clinic, Saraswathipuram and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. Around 251 units of blood was collected and the campaign aims to encourage more people to participate in this noble cause. The drive will continue till April 30. To book a slot, call 9620030123.

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹2,000 Gatsby Cocktails & Cuisines**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Raspuri 2) Ganji 3) Majjige Huli

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Keerthi Kumar 2. Jagadish R 3. Harshith Rao

***Conditions apply**

TAILS OF THE CITY

There's a new veterinary hospital in town owned by a member of the royal family of Baroda, Pratapsinh Gaekwad, who tells *CE* how he's followed the footsteps of his uncle, the last king of Baroda

ANILA KURIAN

IT'S no doubt that Bengaluru is known for being a pet-loving city. But in time of need, you may not find many veterinary hospitals that are open 24/7. That's why **Pratapsinh Gaekwad**, a member of the royal family of Baroda, started Crown Vet in Koramangala in February 2022. While Gaekwad has always been part of a manufacturing business, it's the first time he's looking into a client service business. Crown Vet started in 2016 in Mumbai and is now open in Delhi, Bengaluru and the latest is in Hyderabad.

He's always been companionable towards animals. Perhaps this is something he learnt from his uncle Maharaja Fatehsinhrao Gaekwad, the last recognised king of Baroda. Recalling the time with his uncle, Gaekwad says, "My father's brother, the maharaja whom I fondly called Mothe Kaka, did not have any children, so he was really close to me (and my sister). He was a true animal lover and in fact, he's a world-famous wildlife conservationist. He would return from different parts of the country, sometimes bringing back animals with him."

Waiting for his uncle's adventurous trips was one of Gaekwad's favourite activities. "Mothe Kaka always had stories to share from his rescue trips – where he went, how his rescue missions went, the people he met and so on. Sometimes he'd even bring back alligators from his journeys. In fact, his office in Mumbai had turtles being bred and at some point, we also had a zoo," he recalls.

Probably that's why investing in the veterinary space came naturally to him. "As a family, we've been in the manufacturing field and also real estate. But starting a veterinary space was new to us and had its own challenges. The first one we opened in Mumbai was a 4,500 sq ft facility and we soon learnt that it was just too much space. We were more careful in understanding what space works for which area, how many doctors we'd need, the training they'd required and worked together to make the new few hospitals have the right facilities," he explains.

Growing up, summer vacations were spent in Indumati Mahal, which is currently used as the administrative office in Baroda to manage the properties and activities in Baroda and Gujarat. But he never thought of himself as "royal" during his growing years. "I grew up like everyone else," he says.

Now, living in Mumbai, with his wife, two-year-old daughter and three-month-old son, Gaekwad has his hands full. "I was in Bengaluru during the launch of the hospital. I visit quite often to make sure that I stay connected with the doctors and to ensure that everything is running smoothly," he says, adding that he hopes to open more veterinary clinics in the country.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

FLAVOURS UNLIMITED

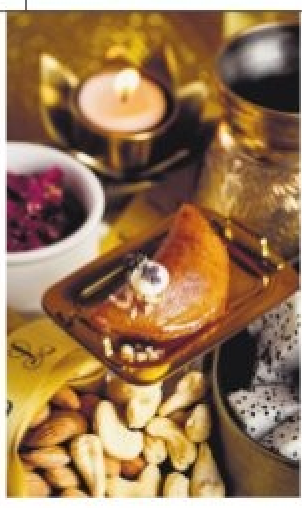
This Ramzan, guests at Shangri-La Bengaluru can enjoy a delightful Iftar spread with Gosht Haleem, Keema Samosa, Sheermal, Murgh Musallam Biryani, Keema Kaleji with Pav, Chicken Shawarma, and more. **Price:** ₹2,075 ++ per person **When:** Till May 2

EASTER BRUNCH

Celebrate Easter at Limelight with classic hot cross buns, spinach and nuts stuffed roasted leg of lamb, peanut butter and candy egg blondies, Easter eggs, and more. **When:** April 17 **For reservation, call** 99029 54007

SAMOSA SPECIAL

One can choose from a range of samosas, be it mutton keema samosas, Irani style Onion Patti samosas, egg samosas or tandoori chicken samosas alongside everyone's all-time favourite Roohafza sharbat from Samosa Party. **Price:** Starts from ₹34 to ₹249 **Available** on Swiggy



IFTAR MEALS

Iftar Special Ramadan Feast menu at The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru includes Arabic mezze, Gourmet dates, Sujuk Kebabs, along with Haleem. Sherbat like Tamar Hind, Laban, Karkadeh and Pistachio Baklavas and Gourmet Dates are also included in the buffet spread. **Priced:** ₹1,550++ per person **When:** Till May 1

CATCH COMEDIAN **AAKASH GUPTA** PERFORM HIS SET CALLED 'EXCUSE ME BROTHER' AT PHOENIX MARKETCITY, WHITEFIELD | **WHEN:** APRIL 22 | **DETAIS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

BEAT THE HEAT

Gawky Goose - Kitchen & Bar is introducing an all-new "Summer Menu". It includes a range of dishes from various cuisines, including cold soups like the tropical gazpacho, Indian polenta salad, avocado rose salad, Vietnamese rice paper roll, desserts like rosy lady, and nutty pudding. **When:** Till April 17 **Reservations:** 99017 87273

Painter's adda

Explore your creativity and express yourself through art at the Palette Knife Painting Workshop. With no prior painting experience required, this will be a guided session, shedding light on the basic strokes, sketches and techniques. **When:** April 23 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

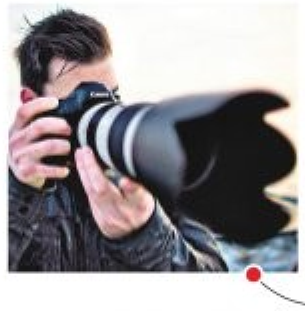


Photo Exhibition

'Convergence – a panorama of photography's French connection in India', is a photo exhibition which is part of Bonjour India 2022, a cultural and artistic collaboration between India and France. The exhibition will display a series of photography work by French journalists and photographers who explored India during 1970s. **When:** April 12 onwards **Where:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **Details:** ifindia.in

Career Orientation

Spring People, a training partner, is introducing free SAP career information sessions for fresh job seekers and working professionals. The sessions aim to help understand the importance of SAP education programmes, recognising current trends and opportunities and more. **When:** April 16-17 **Details:** Spring People website

Musical Fair

The festival Amruta Sangeetham is dedicated to Azadi ka Amrit Mahautsav as India's great freedom festival. The Bharatiya Samagana Sabha celebrates and commemorates the glorious musical history of saints and seers of Sanatan Bharat at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. **When:** April 14-15 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Carnatic Music Concert

Yuvasangeetha Vaibhava will see artistes Bangalore M Nishanth and Aditi B Prahalad perform on stage. Janadhan Srinath will play the violin and Phanindra Bhaskara will be on the mridanga. **When:** April 17 **Where:** Khincha Hall, Race Course Road

Potter mania

If you are a Harry Potter fan, join the Harry Potter Discussion Meetup at Lahe Lahe. It will be based on the seven main books by JK Rowling. This is for ages 12 and above. **When:** April 17 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

HEALTHY STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

INGREDIENTS

- Strawberries: 250 g
- Black grapes: 50 g
- Almond milk: 1 cup
- Chia seeds: 1 tbsp
- Flax seeds: 1 tbsp
- Melon seeds: 1 tbsp
- Greek yogurt: 1 cup
- Almond (powdered): 5-6
- Jaggery: 1 tbsp

METHOD

- In a mixer, add yogurt, almond milk, strawberries, and black grapes.
- Mix it once. Add ice, chia seeds, jaggery, and powdered almond and then run it in the mixer again.
- Garnish it with a slice of strawberry and serve cold.

— Chehak, New Delhi
(Instagram: @superchinksfoods)

FIT BIT

VYANA MUDRA

(MUDRA FOR BLOOD CIRCULATION)

Vyana, the name is one of the vayus, or pranic 'winds' in Ayurvedic anatomy, that moves from the centre of the body to every area of the body. In particular, if there is a sudden increase in blood pressure, this mudra is recommended to reduce it. It is connected with the Svadisthana (Sacral) Chakra, which is associated with pleasure and creativity. It can be practised at any time and is recommended that the pose be held for around 15 minutes, although for blood pressure, this should be practised several times per day for around 50 minutes.

STEPS

- Sit down in a meditative posture like Padmasana, Siddhasana, Swastikasana, Vajrasana, etc., and place the hands on the thighs or the knees, palms facing upwards.
- Make sure your back and chest are held straight; heads seized up high. Close your eyes and take some deep breaths with the awareness of the breathing process.
- Fold your index and middle fingers of both hands, press it with your thumb. You may feel some pain. But that does not last long.
- The other two fingers should be kept extended as much as possible.
- Removing all thoughts from the mind, focus only on Om.
- Don't decrease or increase the speed of breath.
- Perform this pose for 35 minutes, at a stretch every day, or for 10 to 12 minutes three times a day.

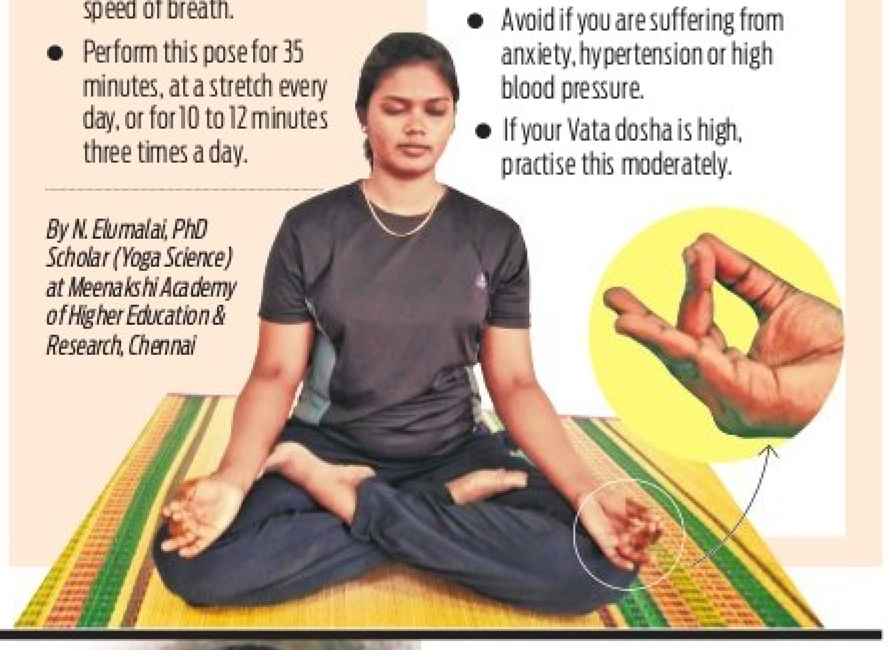
BENEFITS

- Reduces excessive sweating, thirst and urination.
- It has therapeutic benefits for controlling high or low BP.
- It is a boon for pregnant women.
- Helps remove all urine-related diseases, diabetes, spasm, and nightmares.
- Removes laziness & drowsiness.
- Increases enthusiasm, initiative, and speed of thought.
- Diarrhoea can be controlled.
- It can be practised while standing, sitting, or lying down on a bed. For best and efficient results, practise this regularly for two months.

LIMITATIONS

- Don't wear tight clothes or press the fingers too hard.
- Avoid if you are suffering from anxiety, hypertension or high blood pressure.
- If your Vata dosha is high, practise this moderately.

By N. Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



SOUND BOARD

HIP HOP SAVED MY LIFE

As comedian Romesh Ranganathan discovers the humanity in each guest via their experiences of the genre and beyond, making it delightfully relatable for everybody, from hip-hop fans to total beginners.

- **On Spotify podcast**

THINGS FELL APART

What is the history of the cancel culture? How did we end up with such a polarised society? Topics like abortion, sex education, gay freedom, and school curricula are brilliantly rewinded by Jon Ronson.

- **On Apple Podcast**

EPIC GARDENING

Kevin Espiritus, an amateur gardener, addresses your plant-related questions in his daily podcast. Each episode covers themes like avoiding fruit flies, keeping cats out of your garden, and recycling Tupperware for gardening. The segment on how to plant in a flat is extremely instructive.

- **On Spotify podcast**

HUBERMAN LAB

Andrew Huberman is a neuroscience professor at Stanford University who uses his namesake podcast to "offer science-based tools for everyday life." Each episode focuses on a particular topic - for example, creativity, relationships, or how to manage stress – and he is frequently joined by experts in the subject.

- **On Apple podcast**

FOOD PEOPLE

Amanda Shapiro, the editorial director of Bon Appetit, presents the newly updated Food People. This gastronomic podcast has no specific edge or twist, and the entire episode feels more like a round table discussion among BA's editors. Shapiro and her colleagues discuss current culinary trends, grilling suggestions, and recipes that are either in season or have just been published in the magazine.

- **On Apple podcast**

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KIRIK PARTY

Karna, a first-year engineering student, falls in love with Saanvi, a final-year pupil from his college. However, a tragic event changes his perception towards life and he mends his ways.

Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Rashmika Mandanna, Samyuktha Hegde, Aravind Iyer

DRISHYA

Rajendra is a family-oriented man and tries to keep them happy. However, when his family commits an accidental crime, he does everything to keep them out of harm's way.

Cast: V Ravichandran, Navya Nair, Prabhu, Asha Sharath

NALLA

Preethi, who has a cognitive disability, is kidnapped and forced into prostitution. However, a chance meeting with Prashanth, a teacher, changes her life forever.

Cast: Sudeep, Sangeetha, Srinath, Naveen Mayur

KEMPE GOWDA

Kempe Gowda, an honest police officer and a people's man, takes on a gangster, Armugam. However, the mafia leader has close connections with the bureaucrats, which keeps him safe against the law.

Cast: Sudeep, P Ravi Shankar, Ragini Dwivedi, Kishori Ballal

GOVINDUDU ANDARIVADELE

Abhiram, a young man living in London, decides to visit India to unite his grandfather and father who separated years ago due to a personal feud.

Cast: Ram Charan, Kajal Aggarwal, Kamalinee Mukherjee, Prakash Raj

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 IF YOU'RE SCARED OF SNAKES, WATCH THIS BY ANDREW WHITWORTH

As of 2021, there are 368 species of viper worldwide. The name comes from the term viviparity. Vipers are often highly venomous, with two hollow, extra long fangs that unfold into imposing weapons when the viper prepares to strike. So, which are the most dangerous? Andrew Whitworth visits some of nature's most incredible snakes in the world.

2 THE RHYTHM AND RHYME OF MEMORY, SOLITUDE AND COMMUNITY BY ROSANNE CASH

Reflecting on the power of memory, solitude and community, musician Rosanne Cash performs 'The Sunken Lands' and 'Particle And Wave' and meditates on some of life's most poignant and bittersweet themes. She seeks to connect, find community and create through her music.

3 5 PROMISING FACTORS PROPELLING CLIMATE ACTION BY GABRIEL KRA

Climate tech investor Gabriel Kra thinks we need to reframe the crisis as a source of tremendous opportunity. He offers five big reasons to be optimistic about climate — starting with the fact that many of the world's best minds are focused and working on building a clean future for all.

4 NFTS, THE METAVERSE AND THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ART BY ELIZABETH STRICKLER

Elizabeth Strickler breaks down the acronym — NFT — and explains the fundamentals of non-fungible tokens, sharing how these digital assets are changing the landscape for artists and content creators looking to cash in on their creations — in and out of the metaverse.

5 HOW TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS AND NOT ACCEPT LIMITS BY CANDACE PARKER

What can't Candace Parker do? A two-time NCAA champion, two-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time WNBA champion, Parker knows what it takes to fight for your dreams. In this inspiring talk, she shares what she's learned during a career spent not accepting limits — and how her daughter taught her the best lesson of all.

REGIONAL

ETHARKKUM THUNINDHAVAN (Tamil)

A lawyer turns into judge, jury and executioner and goes after a gang, led by a minister's son, that threatens women with videos of them.

Cast: Suriya, Priyanka Mohan, Vinay Rai

- **Watch on:** Netflix

HEY SINAMIKA (Tamil)

Weather scientist Mouna falls in love with quirky and loving Yaazhan, but their relationship takes an unexpected turn when psychologist Dr Malarvizhi arrives in town.

Cast: Aditi Rao Hydari, Kajal Aggarwal, Dulquer Salmaan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

NARADAN (Malayalam)

Naradan is a dramatic journey of Chandraprakash, a popular news anchor in the media world who is desperate to prove his worth.

Cast: Tovino Thomas, Anna Ben, Sharaf U Dheen

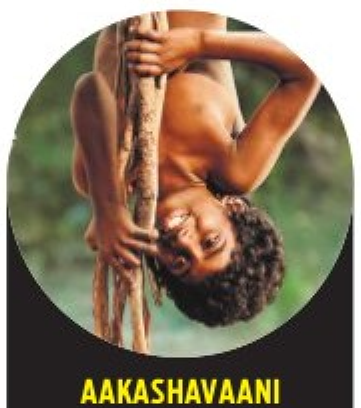
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

VALIMAI (Tamil)

Arjun, a police officer, sets out on a mission to hunt down a group of violent bikers after they're involved in a theft and murder.

Cast: Ajith Kumar, Kartikeya Gummakonda, Huma Qureshi

- **Watch on:** ZEE5



AAKASHAVAANI (Telugu)

Once upon a time, somewhere in a deep forest, lived a tribe, ruled by a power-obsessed Zamindar, disconnected from the world with their own beliefs and sentiments. The villagers get brainwashed into believing never to cross their village border. One day, a radio finds its place as their new talking god.

Cast: Samuthirakani, Teja Kakumanu, Vinay Varma

- **Watch on:** Sony Liv

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

GARUDA GAMANA VRISHABHA VAHANA (Kannada)

Childhood friends Shiva and Hari grow up to become two of the most feared gangsters in the coastal city of Mangaluru. However, their friendship is put to test by greed and politics.

Cast: Gopalkrishna Deshpande, Vineet Kumar, Deepak Rai Panaje

- **Watch on:** Zee5

ARCHANA 31 NOT OUT (Malayalam)

After being turned down by 30 suitors, Archana's marriage gets confirmed with an NRI. On her wedding eve, she comes to know that the groom has married his love.

Cast: Aishwarya Lekshmi, Hakkim Shah, Tankam Mohan

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE KING'S MAN (English)

One man must race against time to stop history's worst tyrants and criminal masterminds as they get together to plot a war that could wipe out millions of people and destroy humanity.

Cast: Gemma Arterton, Ralph Fiennes, Rhys Ifans

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

ELITE (Spanish, series)

When three working-class teens enrol in an exclusive private school in Spain, the clash between them and the wealthy students leads to murder.

Cast: Ester Expósito, Itzan Escamilla, Miguel Bernardeau

- **Watch on:** Netflix

METAL LORDS (English)

For teenage misfits Hunter and Kevin, the path to glory is clear: Devote themselves to metal. Win Battle of the Bands. And be worshipped like gods.

Cast: Jaeden Martell, Noah Urrea, Isis Hainsworth

- **Watch on:** Netflix

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (English, series)

Teresa flees to the United States after her drug-peddling boyfriend is murdered by a cartel boss. There, she sets out to become a drug lord and vows to avenge her lover's death.

Cast: Alice Braga, Peter Gadiot, Hemky Madera

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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AND the Mad March Hare from *Alice in Wonderland* has finally moved on...hallelujah! Truly it wasn't funny when one heard of the freak misfortunes that had befallen my hapless brethren. Most of them had bone injuries while some others were left red-faced with embarrassment. But, Bengaluru is a tight-knit group of people where it is easier to be a pietist than a confrontationist. Short memories and shorter commitments rule the roost. As someone said today's news is tomorrow's trash, unless you really manage to irk the wrong people! Anger is a tricky emotion. It tends to rent space in one's head. I try to steer clear of it because I believe that anyone capable of angering you becomes your master!

Of late, I find myself oscillating between logic and balderdash. This is a word I heard often during my early schooling days in Kolkata, where the principal would yell it out to some erring student. None of us was very sure of the exact meaning of the said word, but the authority by which it was said sent chills up our spine! Now that I know what the word means (gibberish, nonsense), I feel sheepish when I in turn believe in superstitions which are all 'balderdash'!. But when a tinkle of glass breaking woke me one morning, I must admit I was a little freaked out! Safely from under my duvet, I tentatively called out to my husband telling him that there was a djinn in my room. Of course, he laughed at his 'larger than life' wife cowering and made some outlandish gestures guaranteed to cast away the spirits. I can't say I didn't deserve it!

Foolishly, I confided this to a friend at our annual gala Bangalore Wine Club soiree at The Leela Palace. Friends whom I've known most of my life dressed up in their nines giggled at my expense. One even rubbed and empty wine bottle making gobble-de-gook sounds mimicking gestures used by inept magicians! But soon the focus shifted to better things like felicitating the past presidents and tasting the fabulous wine and food pairings. It's wonderful to be surrounded by people whose parents were friends with yours and now whose children are friends with yours! It only takes a drop of 'pee' to spoil a whole bowl of soup! Micturition aside, the evening with a large turn-out of members was an unmitigated success, forcing me to re-think partying in a large crowd!

But even one-on-ones can turn out to be a merry band of people sometimes. My friend, Sachin Maheshwari, and I slipped away in the middle of a working day to enjoy an almost sensual meal at Wabi-Sabi, The Oberoi. Many happy hormones were secreted as the meal progressed from the miso soup to sashimi, sushi and salmon nigiris, which were all spot on! At the restaurant bursting at its seams with a happy lunching crowd, we ran into VP/GM Visheshwar Singh who dropped by for a chat as did Surbhi Sharma the Honorary Consul of Spain.

Sometimes I want to move cities. Then magically, adoring friends appear to express their affection and strangers stop to tell me how much they enjoy my writing.

Either one must write something worth reading or do something worth writing!

This Singaporean-Indian hopes that India gets better representation in the industry

Music to the ears

ANILA KURIAN

BENGALURU was recently witness to some Tanglish (mix of Tamil and English) rap when first-generation musician **Raja Ahamed**, who goes by his stage name Yung Raja, performed live at RCB Bar and Cafe. This was as part of the international artist flagship programme called 560001.

Known for his most popular songs *Mustafa* and *The Dance*, the rapper and songwriter was even mentioned on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* recently. "To be honest, I have no idea how the Fallon thing happened. That was a completely random coincidence. Someone from his team picked up my song and decided to put it on the show. Having said that, it was very trippy and dream-like, to say the least," Raja says.

As he was touring in India since last month, the artiste performed in Pune, Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru. "Going from city to city and getting to touch base with people, getting a sense of their vibes and culture has been very eye-opening," says Raja, who, during the pandemic tried his hand at different things, including selling dosae tacos and even starting his own clothing brand.

Though he grew up in Singapore, he always stayed rooted to his culture. His experience of being a first-generation Singaporean was combined with unadulterated traditional South Indian influences from his family which includes his sisters and parents. "We speak Tamil, have South Indian food and follow a similar way of life," he says, adding, "Having that duality growing up really helped lay the foundation of Indian culture. It never had to be forced, whereas I look at my friends growing up who are either second or fourth-generation Singaporean Indians – they have no connection. I feel that's where my story differs."

With this background, Raja is keen to see more South Asian and South-East Asian hip-hop being made. In his words, "I can't wait for the day we have festivals that are South-Asian-specific, where the representation comes up and everybody is connected." "Imagine," Raja continues, "...a day when any artiste from India can go to Cambodia and straight away link up with the best. Because we are all fighting for the same thing. We're all fighting to put South-East Asian rap on the map. If I could change one thing, I would love to bring all of us together."

IT TAKES TWO TO WIN THIS COURSE

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
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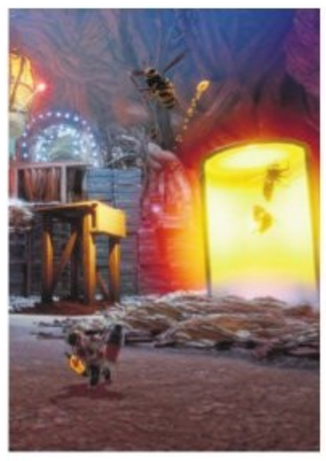
(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)



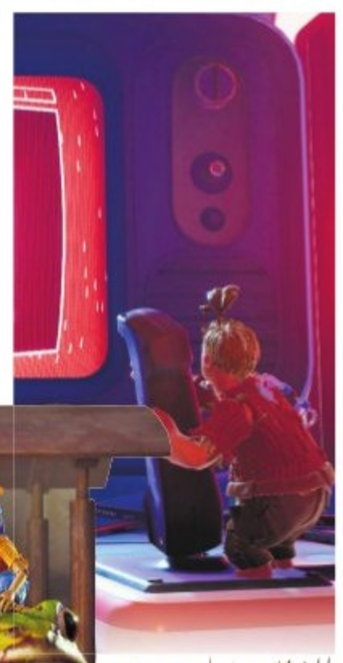
The hardest part of It Takes Two is the search that you must initiate a search to find a person willing to play the game with you. When you succeed, it's unlikely they will just be another person because the process of play brings you together until you become besties. It Takes Two is a co-operative game set in a Disney-esque universe which hopes to resolve conflict through magic and cutesy graphics.

It follows the story of May and Cody, a married couple planning on getting a divorce. Their daughter Rose, who has tears of magic, overhears their discussion. Her tears create chaos — her parents are now animated dolls, who are bullied by a book who considers himself to be a relationship counsellor. Dr Hakim (the talking book) forces the couple to make a final effort at their relationship — by putting them through the ultimate test: an elaborate obstacle course.

In human terms, the obstacle course is no cross-country race. It is a short walk from the shed in the yard to Rose's bedroom. However, unbeknownst to May and Cody, Dr Hakim's idea of their journey involves parley with wasps and squirrels, a battle with a baboon, gravity-defying puzzle-solving, and frog-back riding. It Takes Two is a game that mandates two players to coordinate to defeat the villains and solve environmental puzzles of mediocre difficulty. Says Ashwin, who played the game with me, "Beside the obvious excellent puzzle mechanics, the game perfected the difficulty controls — the co-operative skill distribution is so well-balanced, that it would be very hard to lose patience with your co-op buddy if they messed up!". The game is very forgiving, in that it has liberally scattered auto-save checkpoints even during the toughest of boss battles. The graphics help combat puzzles seem intuitive too — which makes the game suitable even for beginners.

It Takes Two is a longish game, but it does not get repetitive at any point. The level designs are unique, and the chapters featured varied surroundings for it to feel consistently challenging for both players involved. It is to be noted that this game is best played in local split-screen — first, because it is a sit-together activity, and second, in case of the PlayStation, the online co-op is not without issues.

The game is available for the PC, PlayStation, and Xbox. I rate the game a full 2/2 and recommend it to all gamers and non-gamers alike.



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CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mohammed Idres Baig S/o Mohammed **Baig,** Resident of No.613, 10th Main, Coffee Board Layout, Kempapura Hebbal Village, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560024, I have changed my name from MOHAMMED IDREES BAIG To **MOHAMMED IDRES BAIG (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated **08.04.2022** Sworn in before **K.S. Giridar, M.Com, B.Ed, LLB. Advocate & Notary,** Reg.No. 4316/07, No. 314, Milk Colony, 2nd Stage, Rajajingar, Bangaluru-560010.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) AVANI KRUNAL SOMPURA,** residing at No. A-506, CASA Gopalan Borewell Road, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore-560066, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) AVANI KRUNAL SOMPURA** to **(NEW NAME) AVANI SOMPURA** vide affidavit Dated 09/04/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) KAREN MARYANN SEQUEIRA,** residing at Flat No. 201, Daffodils Apartments, HRBR Layout, 2nd Block, Kalyanagar, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KAREN MARYANN SEQUEIRA** to **(NEW NAME) KAREN MARYANN SALDANHA** vide affidavit Dated 09/04/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) PAVAN KALYAN GORLA,** residing at No. 10, Padmavathi Mansion, Tippu Sulthan Road, Near State Bank of India, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli, Bangalore-562110, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PAVAN KALYAN GORLA** to **(NEW NAME) SAI PAVAN REDDY GORLA** vide affidavit Dated 09/04/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHWETHA NARAYANASWAMY,** residing at No. 37, Patel Layout, Main Road, Cheemasandra Virgonagar Post, Bangalore-560049, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHWETHA NARAYANASWAMY** to **(NEW NAME) SWETHA NARAYANASWAMY** vide affidavit Dated 09/04/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GANGADHARA SARODE PARAMESWARAPPA,** residing at No. 23, 304, 5th Main, 11th Cross, Lakshminarayanapuram, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GANGADHARA SARODE PARAMESWARAPPA** to **(NEW NAME) GANGADHAR SARODE PARAMESWARAPPA** vide affidavit Dated 09/04/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) BINITA TULSYAN,** residing at No. 2, 4th Cross, KEB Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094, Karnataka, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) BINITA TULSYAN** to **(NEW NAME) VINITA TULSHIYAN** vide affidavit Dated 09/04/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Prakash Rajeshwar Rao Nishtala, Prakash Rajeshwarrao Nishtala, Nishtala Prakash Rajeshwarrao, Prakash R Nishtala, N Prakash Rao** S/o **Rajeshwarrao Nishtala**, R/at No. 307, Anand Nilaya Apartments, AECS Layout A Block, Brookefields, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name to **PRAKASH NISHTALA** vide affidavit dated: 6/4/2022 Before Notary **Shaik Mahaboob** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SANTOSH JAYANTHKUMR **JAIN** W/o Late. **Jayanth Kumar Jain,** R/at No.25/1, Hospital Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560001 have changed my name to **SANTOSH JAYANTH JAIN** vide affidavit dated: 7/4/2022 Before Notary **Gangaraju. B.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) RAHUL.S,** residing at No. 343, 18th F Main, 6th Block, Koramangala Depo, Bangalore-560034, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAHUL.S** to **(NEW NAME) RAJ KIRAN** vide affidavit Dated 07/04/2022 sworn before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A.IRUDIA MARY,** Spouse of No. 7020170, Rank Ex Hav(Late) V.S. Devan, residing at No. 16 'C' Street, Baiderahalli, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046, have changed my name from **A.IRUDIA MARY** to **IRUDAYA MARY. A,** vide affidavit Dated 08/04/2022 before First Class Magistrate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Asha** is legaly wedded spouse of No. 7782599 W, Rank: HAV, Name: **JANGAR ANANDA BHAGWAN,** presently R/at D & M Wing, CMP Centre & School, Bangalore-560025, permanently R/at **Village:** Nimbole, **Tehsil:** Deola, **District:** Nasik, **State:** Maharastra, Pin-423213, have changed my name from **ASHA** to **JANGAR ASHA ANANDA**, Vide affidavit dated 08-04-2022, sworn before Advocate & Notary **S. NAGARAJA** at Bengalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Lakshman Kumar H R** residing at no. 9, 5th Cross Chamundi Nagara BDA Layout Girinagara, BSK 3rd Stage Bangalore - 560085, have changed my minor son's name from **SRIRANGA H L** to **KEERTHAN H L**, vide affidavit dated 09/04/2022, sworn before notary Devaki M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MRS. SNEHA ANAND PATHAK, (AADHAR: 8152 4515 6853)** W/o. Mr. Anand Pathak, aged about 24 years, Residing at No. B-20, Choudhari Heritage, Near Renuka Mata Mandir, Sangram Nagar, Aurangaabad, Magarashra - 431 001, hereby declare that **SNEHA ANAND PATHAK** and **SNEHA SANJAY BHANAGE** is the name of one and the same person and that is myself, now I have changed my name as **SNEHA SANJAY BHANAGE,** vide affidavit dated 08.04.2022, sworn before PRAKASH .C Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAIFUDDIN BALIWALA** S/o. Hakimuddin Badruddin Baliwala Aged 21 years R/a No- 194/11, 1st floor, flat no -102, Kumar Ashraya apartment, 9th cross, R.V. Road Jayanagar, 2nd block, Bangalore-560011. I have changed my name to **SAIFUDDIN HAKIMUDDIN BALIWALA.** Vide affidavite dt :24/03/2022. Sworn Before Notary : D S Chandra Kanth BANGALORE.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **VINU VISWESWARAN NAIR**, S/o. Mr. Visweswaran Nair .B, Aged about 47 years, with permanent Residence at No. A103, Gina Ronville Apartments, K. Narayanapura Cross Road, Kothanur Post, Hennur, Bengaluru - 560077, hereby declare and affirm that my Names in abbreviated form viz., **V. Vinu, Vinu .V, Vinu Nair** and **Vinu .V Nair** and the Name in its fully expanded form is **VINU VISWESWARAN NAIR.** That, any reference to the names **V. Vinu, Vinu .V, Vinu Nair** and **Vinu .V Nair** represents to none other than myself i.e., **VINU VISWESWARAN NAIR** vide Affidavit dated 8.4.2022 as sworn to before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIPAKKUMAR MESHRAM** aged about 60 years S/o. Khushalchand Meshram, residing at No. #G554, Deodar Block, Brigade Orchards, Rayasandra, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural - 562110, Karnataka State have changed my name from DIPAKKUMAR MESHRAM TO **DIPAKKUMAR KHUSHALCHAND MESHRAM,** Certificate No. IN-KA89099922097230U Certificate Dated : 07.04.2022. Sworn before Advocate & Notary **Gangaraju B.N., Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MALINI MESHRAM** aged about 54 years W/o. Dipakkumar Khushalchand Meshram, residing at No. #G554, Deodar Block, Brigade Orchards, Rayasandra, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural 562110 have changed my name from **MALINI MESHRAM** TO **MALINI DIPAKKUMAR MESHRAM,** Certificate No. IN-KA89099227032550U Certificate Dated : 07.04.2022. sworn before Advocate & Notary Gangaraju B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAVI PRASADA .H.C. S/o Sri Chikkabettaiah and Mrs. Jayalakshmamma, aged about 37 years resident of No. 587, 7th Main Road, N.G.O.S. Colony, Behind Shankarnag Bus Stand Kamalanagar, Basaveshwaranagar Bangalore-560079 have changed my name to **RAVI PRASAD .H.C.** vide affidavit dated 08-04-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary H.R. Karunakara Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sunil Kumar B, aged about 40 years S/o N. Balakrishnan, residing # 004 Club Nest Apt, 8th Cross Road, LB Shastri Nagar, Bangalore-560017, have changed my son Name from **SUVISH S** (old name) to **JAYENDRA S** (New name) vide affidavit Dated: 08.04.2022 Sworn before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VANDANA KUMARI BHARAT, W/o Bharat Kumar Ostwal, D/of Kantilal Gamdilal Doshi D.O.B. 20-01-1978, residing at No. 43/A, 2nd Floor, Salecha Elegance, HB Samaja Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004 have changed my name to **VANDANA KUMARI BHARAT KUMAR OSTWAL** vide affidavit dated 25-03-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary **S. Vijayakumar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SAVITA** Spouse of No 15584519N L/NK JADHAV GANESH VILAS Residing At: Chincholе, Post: TALWADE, Taluk: Chandwad, Dist: Nashik, State: Maharashtra, PIN: 423101, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SAVITA GANESH JADHAV** Vide Affidavit Dated 31.03.2022 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ANNAMALAI PAULINA** spouse of NO 15334521L HAV ANNAMALAI .S Residing at Dhanakotti Nagar (vill),Periyakilambadi (post), Tiruvannamalai (Tehsil & Dist), Tamil Nadu (state), pin:606802, Have changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) A. PAULINA** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.04.2022 sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHINY JUBY** spouse of No JC-309594A SUB JUBY JOSE Residing at No. 31/15, 1st Floor, Kothandarama Layout, Near Tamil Sangam, S.C. Garden Post, ulsoor Lake, Bangalore 560042, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SHINY SEBASTIAN** Vide Affidavit Dated 08.04.2022 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 16119640W HAV VIJAYA KUMAR .P of unit :CIW DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE 560042, Have changed My Son **(OLD NAME) P. YAVIPH KUMAR to (NEW NAME) PULPA YASHWANTH KUMAR** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.04.2022 sworn before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC-313430F NB/SUB SANTHOSH KUMAR .A of unit: 61 FD coy, 7 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914007, Have Changed My Son **(OLD NAME) SONU S NAMBIAR TO (NEW NAME) SONU SANTHOSH AND DAUGHTER (OLD NAME) GOPIKA S NAMBIAR TO (NEW NAME) GOPIKA SANTHOSH** vide Affidavit Dated 08.04.2022 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mrs. **ANUSHA** (OLD NAME) W/o. SARATH KUMAR MANIKONDA, hereby declare that my name is changed as **MANI ANUSHA** (NEW NAME) R/o. No.223, 3rd Cross C.T.Bed, Thyagaraja Nagar, Bengalore South, Bengalore-560028, Karnataka

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**BINDU SAJIKUMAR,** aged 45 years, R/at: Flat No. 14088, Sobha Dream Acres, Balagere Village, Varthur, Bengaluru-560087, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my son's name from **ABHIJIT KUMAR to ABHIJIT KUMAR SAJIKUMAR,** vide affidavit dated 09.04.2022 before notary B M CHANDRASHEKAR, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARJUN KUMAR,** R/at: Flat No. 14088, Sobha Dream Acres, Balagere Village, Varthur, Bengaluru-560087, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **ARJUN KUMAR SAJIKUMAR,** vide affidavit dated 09.04.2022 before notary B M CHANDRASHEKAR, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Rahul Nanavaty, aged 42 years, S/o. Mr. Rajendra Kumar Nanavaty, R/at W-103, Hinduja Park Apartment, Near Kundalahalli Gate, Thubarahalli, Bengaluru-560066, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from '**DIYA**' to '**DIYA NANAVATY**', Vide affidavit dated 09.04.2022, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Indira S.S, Bangalore-560037

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KGF CHAPTER 2 TO HIT 6,000 SCREENS ACROSS INDIA

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THE countdown has begun for the much-anticipated Yash-Prashanth Neel film, *KGF Chapter 2*. And out of 9,500 screens across India, which includes single-screen theatres and multiplexes, *KGF Chapter* is expected to be released on approximately 6,000 screens.

The film is cashing in on the four-day holiday weekend with Ambedkar Jayanthi and Good Friday. "While the bookings of the Hindi version of the *KGF Chapter* are said to be breaking *RRR's* records, the bookings for the much-awaited pan India actioner in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh opened on Sunday five days before the release," said producer Vijay Kiragandur at a media interaction in Bengaluru. "In Karnataka, the Kannada version will be released on 500 screens and the rest of the versions will be divided into 50 screens," he said. The state consists of 925 screens, which includes 630 single screens and multiplexes.

> Kannada version of this period-action-entertainer will be released on 500 screens in Karnataka, and the rest of the versions will be divided between 50 screens

Talking about the delay in opening the bookings in Tamil Nadu, and North India, the producer said, "We have delayed the booking by two days in Tamil Nadu based as it was a request by the distributors of the Vijay-starrer *Beast*. Similarly, we had to postpone the bookings in North India due to the release of an English and a Hindi film." However, he was reluctant to talk about the budget and the pre-release business. "To date, we have maintained a practice of not mentioning the budget of any films, and it will be the case with this film as well," said Vijay Kiragandur.

Referring to the craze in overseas bookings, Kiragandur said that they will be releasing the film in all languages abroad. "There are more Telugu speaking communities in the USA, which promoted us to release the Telugu version in more number of screens in the country. We also have the Kannada version released in several theatres there," said Vijay, who is still in talks with screens outside India to release *KGF 2*.

With the craze for *KGF 2* made under Hombale Films at its peak, the first show in Bengaluru might start as early as 6 am in many single-screen theatres, and 8 am in multiplexes. Meanwhile, at the fans' request, the makers are hoping for permission from the government to run the first show starting at 4 am.

Though the producer clarified they wouldn't be any midnight shows, however, there are speculations that shows might begin at midnight in Bengaluru and other cities of Karnataka.

A still from *KGF Chapter 2*

Actor Srinidhi Shetty is convinced that the *KGF* sequel is bigger and better, and also shares that she gets more time to shine

'PRASHANTH NEEL IS A MAGICIAN AND *KGF: CHAPTER 2* IS MAGIC'

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HEROINES don't get as long a stay in the limelight as heroes do in cinema—and this is unfair. However, it is for this reason that they usually try to capitalise on every opportunity. Srinidhi Shetty has been different though. This model-turned-actor has chosen to stick with the *KGF* films since 2016, and apart from this, she has done one other film: the upcoming Vikram-starrer, *Cobra*.

The actor speaks of the pride she feels at being part of the *KGF* films. Speaking with us ahead of the film's pan-Indian release slated for April 14, she says, "There are many established actors who have a release once every five years, and yet, their films benefit from a lot of anticipation. However, with newcomers, there is uncertainty at the beginning of the career, and there's pressure to deliver hits." The advantage for Srinidhi though was that *KGF* was among the earliest films in the pan-Indian film bandwagon. "That the film has been made in two parts serves as an added advantage. I was anxious about the waiting period, yes, but this was a calculated decision knowing the story, the plot, and a belief in how the films would shape up." The faith this actor has in the ability of director Prashanth Neel also helps. "The story he narrated to me in 2016 remains the same. The scale got bigger after the response for *Chapter 1*. I trust that the people will connect with Reena's emotions in the second film as well," she says.

For a newcomer like Srinidhi, it was a huge decision not to take on more work, especially after the popularity of the first film. "Like any parents, mine too expressed concerns about my career choices, and made comparisons with other women actors who were doing more films. I kept explaining to them that this was not any film, but one with so many big names like Yash, Sanjay Dutt, Raveena Tandon, Rao Ramesh, Easwari Rao, Prakash Raj... To even get the chance to share a stage with such people is gratifying. It's like all my wishes came true."

Srinidhi is already six years old in the film industry and believes that she has grown along with *KGF*. "I am happy that the release is almost upon us. All the waiting can sometimes make you nervous, but with *KGF: Chapter 2*, we only got more confident. I cannot wait for everybody to watch the film on the big screen," she says.

As both films were shot over a long time, it was important for her to remain connected to her character, Reena. "Prashanth made sure I stayed with her. I would love to hear him speak about my performance. That said, I have known Reena for more than half a decade now, and I feel like she's a part of me. I have tried to give my best in the second film too."

While the first film served to introduce her character, she believes there's a lot more on offer in *KGF: Chapter 2*. "The first film was just an introduction, and most of my episodes were moved to the second film. That's understandable because this isn't one of those films just about the hero and the heroine. It's about so many characters. I can assure you that you'll see more of me in *KGF: Chapter 2*."

Srinidhi Shetty

That the anticipation and hype for the second goal is through the roof, is not lost on her. "Soon as we began work on the second film, we knew this was a serious game. Prashanth, in fact, began proceedings by organising a workshop. That helped me get back into the mood of *KGF*. After a couple of weeks, he could also see I had returned to the film and the character. Whatever I learned during this workshop also helped me perform better in my Tamil film, *Cobra*," says Srinidhi.

It helped her to be first-hand witness to so many great actors. "I also got the chance to listen to all their stories. From Prashanth Neel to Yash, they spoke about how they started their careers, what they learned, how producer Vijay Kiragandur paved the way for them all," she says. "It's amazing that Yash, who is an established actor now, is such an example of focus and dedication. I hope to remain as focused, as dedicated to my work, as actors like Yash. These were valuable lessons," she says.

While *KGF* films have been designed to have a pan-Indian appeal, Srinidhi doesn't think that every film of hers should have similar ambitions. "In fact, when I signed *KGF*, I didn't even know it would become so popular across the country. I just saw all the big names that were part of this film—Hombale films, Vijay Kiragandur, Prashanth Neel, Yash...—and felt I should be part of it." To state her case further, she speaks of how her upcoming Tamil film, Cobra, isn't pan-Indian. "*Cobra* belongs to a different genre, and there can be no comparisons with *KGF*. I really enjoyed the previous film of director Ajay Gnanamuthu, *Imaikaa Nodigal*. *Cobra* has shaped up really well and I'm looking forward to its release on May 26."

Ahead of the release of *KGF*, the feelings are mixed for Srinidhi. "Finally, the wait is over, but I'm aware it brings an end to a long relationship, and I will cherish it for a long time. The friends I have made through this time will always be there for me, and just a phone call away," says Srinidhi Shetty, who is grateful to everyone who has been part of the making of this magnum opus. "Prashanth Neel is a magician, and *KGF* is magic. You are in for a treat."

MARTIN TO RELEASE ON DASARA

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DHRUVA Sarja's next after Pogaru will be *Martin*. 75 per cent of the film's shooting is wrapped up, and now, the makers have officially announced the release date. The multilingual film, directed by AP Arjun, and produced by Uday K Mehta, is all set to hit the theatres on September 30 coinciding with the Dasara festivities. *Martin* will be yet another multilingual film that will be released in Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi. The makers, who recently shot some crucial portions in Kashmir, will soon wrap up the film's shooting. *Martin* stars Vaibhavi Shandilya as the female lead. The film also features Chikkanna, Sukrutha Wagle, and Anveshi Jain playing pivotal characters. Mani Sharma will score *Martin*'s music. Well-known cinematographer Satya Hegde is handling the camerawork for the film. *Martin* marks the second collaboration between Dhruva Sarja and AP Arjun.

Dhruva Sarja's action-entertainer, directed by AP Arjun, to hit theatres on Sept 30

Rakshit Shetty's *777 Charlie* to release on June 10

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RAKSHIT Shetty starrer, *777 Charlie*, finally gets a release date. The pan-India film, directed by Kiranraj K, will now hit the theatres on June 10. The lead actor and director along with the team announced the release date on their social media handles along with a special poster featuring all cast members.

> The adventure-comedy directed by Kiranraj K also stars a dog in a full-fledged role

777 Charlie, an adventure-comedy also stars a labrador dog in a full-fledged role. The film was expected to be released on December 31. However, it had to be pushed at the last moment owing to the sudden rise of Covid 19 cases.

This Rakshit Shetty-starrer is a multilingual and will release in 5 languages. The Malayalam version is distributed by actor-filmmaker Prithviraj. The Tamil version is distributed by Karthik Subbaraj under Stone Bench Films banner. Meanwhile, the makers have locked big distributors in Telugu and Hindi. The team, which is now in the agreement process, will soon make it official.

777 Charlie also marks the debut of Tamil actor Bobby Simha in Kannada cinema. The film also stars Sangeetha Sringeri as the female lead. Raj B Shetty and Danish Sait are also a part of the ensemble cast and will play pivotal roles.

The film is bankrolled by GS Gupta and Rakshit Shetty under the banner Paramvah Studios, and will have Nobin Paul composing the music. Aravind Kashyap is the cinematographer on board and the editor of the film is Prateek Shetty.

A still from *777 Charlie*